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FATAL ATHENS FACEOFF — A bus owner shouting at police as barricades burned Monday at a bus depot. He and other owners were protesting the government's plan to when the police stormed the depot to seize the buses from their former owners.

How Christopher Jettisoned Power to Ride Out Storm

By Daniel Williams

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New York Times Service WASHINGTON - If Defense Secretary Les Aspin, who resigned last week, offers a study in how to lose a cabinet job, Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher provides a lesson in

how to keep one.

In trouble similar to Mr. Aspin's weeks ago, after major policy stumbles and lackluster public appearances, Mr. Christopher took the initiative to improve his standing in ways Mr.

Aspin did not, according to officials,

As a result, Mr. Christopher appears to have weathered the storm, though air old rule of politics, from baseball, says you're only safe until you're out.
"I haven't considered resigning," Mr. Christopher told

Washington Post editors and reporters. "I'm doing my job, and in Haiti and a wavering performance on Bosnia-Herzegovina I'm going to keep doing my job

But the Warren Christopher who has re-emerged is a hybrid at once enlarged by trying to project an image of toughness,

For W. Anthony Lake, President Choton's national security adviser, integrity comes first. Page 3.

and yet reduced by a willingness to cede important chores to

His aggressive campaign of self-preservation began at a White House talk in October with President Bill Clinton and Vice President Al Gore. By then, the deaths of U.S. soldiers in Somalia, a bumbling attempt to land U.S. peacekeeping troops

had combined to raise serious questions about Mr. Christopher's ability to conceive and manage policy. State Department betting at the time was that he would be

gone by February. Representative Frank X. McCloskey, Democrat of Indiana, called for his resignation, as did Britain's Economist magazine. Most disturbing for the secretary was that no one came to his defense.

But Mr. Christopher had some advantages Mr. Aspin did not. For one, he was closer to Mr. Clinton, having helped choose a number of the high officials as director of the White House officials said that Mr. Christopher also had

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A Business Debacle Casts Doubt on Inman's Skills

By Stephen Labaton New York Times Service

AUSTIN, Texas - At his Rose Garden introduction last week as the nation's next defense secretary, Bobby Ray Imman promised to apply the experience he gained in corporate America to the Pentagon in the hopes of bringing what he called the "best business practices" to the government and getting "a dollar value for a dollar spent on defense."

But during the 1980s, Mr. Imman presided over a costly business debacle, a leveraged-buyout failure that resulted in the bankrupicy of a Fortune 500 military contractor named

Another problem concerning Mr. Inman surfaced Monday when the White House said he would pay \$6,000 in back Social Security taxes owed for a housekeeper. (Page 3)

Once the largest commercial employer in Austin, Tracor is now a much smaller part of itself. Although it has emerged from bankruptcy and is now considered limancially healthy. the company became a casualty not only of the excesses of Wall Street but also of mismanagement, cost overruns and shrinking Pentagon spending. To bankruptcy experts and

Tracor Inc., which made submarine and aviation weapons technology executives, the fall of Tracor is a case study in how not to run a husiness

> "Tracor was like a lot of other deals in the mid to late 1980s," said Robert Miller, a bankruptcy lawyer who represented many of the company's creditors during its reorganization. The management substantially overpaid for the company and tried to expand it, and ultimately it hit the skids."

> Frank McBee, Tracor's founder, said in an interview that Mr. Inman was making a smart decision returning to Washington, where he "at least knows his way around." He pointedly

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For OECD, Recovery Is Still Around The Corner

By Carl Gewirtz

PARIS — The global economic recovery, seen for years by the OECD to lie just around the corner, just remains there.

A solid expansion is under way in North America, the semi-annual outlook published Monday by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development says, and Britain, Australia and New Zealand are experiencing "moderate if unspectacular recoveries."

But the report sees no convincing evidence

that recession in Japan has ended. And the modest recovery forecast in Continental Europe is not expected to gather enough momentum to become noticeable until the second half

Robust growth of 6 to 7 percent over the next two years is forecast in what the OECD calls the dynamic Asian economies - Korea, Taiwan. Hong Kong, Singapore, Thailand and Malaysia. The region is expected to benefit from the appreciation of the yen by pulling in more direct investment from Japan.

A major uncertainty is the outlonk for China, whose annual growth of 13 percent over the last two years has provided significant export growth for its neighbors.

Thanks to the North American advance and bolstered by exports to the rapidly growing developing countries in Asia and Latin America, economic growth in the major industrialized nations next year is expected to double the anemic pace of this year, rising to a mediocre

This is expected to bolster world trade, which is seen expanding 5.4 percent next year and 6.4 percent in 1995, following this year's low 2.6

By 1995, the OECD sees growth rates in industrialized countries converging at around 2% percent. That is a slower advance than previous upswings, but a level consistent with keeping inflation in check.

While "the war on inflation would appear to be proceeding well," the report states, "a judg-ment that it has been won cannot be made until inflation performance during the recovery phase proves to be satisfactory."

The dark side of the forecast is that even this recovery is insufficient to halt the rise in European unemployment

While jobless rates are forecast to decline in North America, in Europe the total is projected to use steadily over the next two years to more than 22 million; that is 11.5 percent of the work force compared to the current level of 10.75

Even this projection depends on a continuing term German interest rates to fall steadily to 5 percent next year and 3.8 percent in 1995. They are currently just over 6 percent.

If Germany's inflation remains unsatisfactorily hrisk and rates decline more slowly, the other Europeans whose currencies remain linked to the Deutsche mark will have little choice but to make use of the wider currency fluctuation bands - which they have avoided

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Northern League

MILAN (AP) - Umberto Bossi, whose

Northern League is Italy's fastest-growing

party in the wealthy north, has himself come

under investigation in the country's vast

RAl state TV and the Italian news agency

ANSA said that Mr. Bossi confirmed that he

has been put under investigation for sus-pected violation of party financing laws. Mr.

Bossi met for more than two hours with

Prosecutor Antonio Di Pietro, the Milan

magistrate who began a series of corruption investigations of Italy's business and politi-

cal establishment almost two years ago.

The involvement of the Northern League

in the inquiry comes a few days before

Italy's president is expected to dissolve Par-

liament and set elections for the spring to

replace the largely discredited legislature.

political scandal, news reports said.

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ANC Presses For Elusive **Accord With** Right Wing

Whites Offer a Deal: Peaceful Transition in Return for a Homeland

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatche

CAPE TOWN — An eleventh-hour attempt to involve South Africa's rightists in a transition to democracy stalled Monday with the conservative Freedom Alliance accusing the African National Congress of unreasonable de-

But the government negotiator Dawie de Villiers said after 10 hours of three-way talks that the Freedom Alliance had failed to accept what he called a reasonable demand for an undertaking to contest South Africa's first all-

race election in April. The talks, the first to put the three parties around one table, were called in a last-ditch attempt to achieve a settlement before the white-dominated Parliament votes on a transi-

tional constitution on Wednesday. Legislators on Monday ended a three-day debate on the draft constitution, which provides for a five-year transition to majority rule. "Time is now really running out," Mr. de Villiers said, "We're on very, very thin ice. It will take a tremendous effort, a miracle to pull

it through." The chairman of the Freedom Alliance, Rowan Cronje, said at a news conference that the three sides would meet again at 8 A.M. Tuesday, when the rightists would present a

final response from their separate leaders. "It is an ominous situation that we have reached, a most regrettable situation," he said. He said his alliance of five black and white conservative groups agreed to fight the coun-

try's first all-race election in April if their demands for regional autonomy were met.

But he said the ANC added a new demand for a written undertaking from each alliance

"We knew it would not be easy, but I am bitterly, bitterly disappointed," Mr. Cronje

The ANC negotiator Cyril Ramaphosa said during a break in the talks earlier on Monday that the right was inflexible on assuring that if its demands were met it would end its boycott of the election and the preparations for it.

"We see a total intransigence on their part and a refusal to be part of process as such." he said, "It doesn't look good, but the train must move on. We have said repeatedly that we are not going to stop this process because there happen to be those who want to spoil it for the whole country."

In the past, ANC negotiators have said privately that they are willing to concede the principle of a new South African province consisting of areas where Afrikaners are now the majority ethnic group, provided they could win a majority of votes in open, nonracial elections. But even the most compromise-minded black

leaders are said to adamantly reject the Afrikaners' demand that this province be a sovereign state exempt from the laws of the central gov-

With the vote on ratifying the draft constitution now imminent, pressure has been mounting on the ANC to to bring all political parties into the electoral process.

On Wednesday, Parliament is expected to pass into law the 200-page document, which was negotiated during two years of talks involving the ANC and about 20 other black and white groups. And once the constitution is enacted, it will become virtually impossible for the Freedom Alliance to secure meaningful

Despite the promised guarantees of minority rights under a new, democratic constitution, members of the Freedom Alliance fear they will be swallowed up, even wiped out in a new South Africa dominated by the ANC, the nation's largest hlack group and the expected winner of the national election.

As a result, last-minute negotiations have been taking place in Cape Town since Friday between the government, the ANC and the Freedom Alliance, whose members range from the Afrikaner People's Front and the neo-Nazi Afrikaner Resistance Movement to the Zulubased Inkatha Freedom Party and the nominally independent black homelands of Bophuthatswana and Ciskei.

The Freedom Alliance was formed in July after negotiators led by the ANC and the gov ernment set a timetable for ending more than three centuries of white rule.

Meanwhile, sources close to the talks say progress between the ANC and the Afrikaner People's Front announced Monday, while significant, still falls far short of assuring that the negotiations will be successfully concluded. For one thing, the Inkatha Freedom Party and a group of white extremists are said to be resisting contesting elections even if its demands for self-determination are met by the ANC.

NEW YORK (AP) - CBS lost its bid

COALITION BARRED - Zoran Djindjic, leader of Serbia's Democratic Party, Monday in Belgrade. He ruled out a coalition with the Socialists. Page 2.

CBS Out of Football

Monday to televise the AFC portion of the National Football League, leaving it without professional football for the first time in nearly four decades. NBC won the rights. The terms were not announced.

Business/Finance Volvo nominated the chief of a unit of ABB

Asea Brown Boveri as its chairman. Page 9. American audio gear is gaining listeners after years of decline. Page 9.

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Arafat Hopes for Breakthrough in Paris They also have differing ideas over how large the Jericho area should be and on security Under the peace accord signed by Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization in Sep-

Many Expected More From Hosokawa

Mr. Hosokawa.

denounced for years as governor of a southern

prefecture, is beginning to engulf him. Time and again in recent weeks he has struggled to keep ideological rifts between the Socialists and

the seven other parties in his fragile coalition

cabinet from splitting the government. So far it has held together, but at great political cost to

decades with the now-deposed Liberal Demo-

cratic Party sneer about the new government's

disorganization, whispering over hunch in Ka-

sumigaseki, the government center, that Mr.

Hosokawa is proving himself a small-town poli-

He is uninterested in foreign relations, they

The bureaucrats who ran the country for four

TUNIS - The Palestine Liberation Organization chairman, Yasser Arafat, said Monday that talks on Palestinian autonomy were "going through difficult times" but that he hoped for a breakthrough with their resumption Tuesday in

New York Three Service

months ago as the unlikely leader of a political revolution, Morihiro Hosokawa was hailed as.

the prime minister who could finally change

Japan. He reveled in American-style politics -

from teleprompters to polo shirts to brisk ten-

nis games — and promised to end Japan's political corruption and economic collusion.

seems to be losing his magic touch. The pro-

grams on which he staked his leadership, re-

forming the political system and deregulating a

nguishing economy, have bogged down. Takyo's back-room deal-making, which he

But after a blazing start, Mr. Hosokawa

TOKYO - When he swept into office five

He blamed Israel's "delaying tactics" for the Negotiators from Israel and the PLO met in Norway over the weekend to try to iron out

differences over the Sept. 13 accord on limited autonomy for the Palestini But there were no outward signs of progress

Mr. Arafat told the PLO news agency after a meeting with President Zine Abidine bear Ali of Tunista that Israel was "not complying with the declaration of principles" set out in the annon-

Israel and the PLO disagree on who will be in charge of the international border crossings into the autonomous regions - Gaza and the Jericho district in the West Bank.

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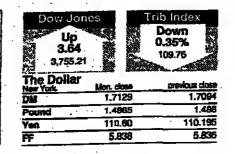
arrangements for Jewish settlements in the autonomous zones. "We hope that we can solve the problems in

another meeting to be held tomorrow in Paris,"
Mr. Arafat said. "We only want to maintain Palestinian rights and dignity."
In a Dec. 12 summit meeting, Prime Minister
Yirzhak Rabin and Mr. Arafat failed to bridge their differences and agreed to meet again 10

days later. However, no such meeting has been Mr. Arafat said the two sides still disag Sunday as the delegates returned home to conout the definition of the Jericho area and the
manning of checkpoints between Jericho and

Jordan and the Gaza Strip and Egypt.
The PLO Executive Committee, which met on the Osio talks, also issued a statement saying control of checkpoints was the key for implementation of the self-rule agreeme "The Executive Committee gave directions to its delegation to reject all partial or nominal

solutions," it said.



ignore the core of the disagreement and maneu-ver to lose time and not commit Israel to faithful and precise implementation within the

tember, Israeli troops were to begin withdraw-

ing from Jericho and the Gaza Strip on Dec. 13.

"The PLO Executive Committee disapproves

but the deadline was missed.

say, at sea when it comes to handling the economy unwilling to delve into policy details. Editorialists have begun to complain that his

government is long on symbolism but short on

action, too captivated by the example of anoth-

Much of the criticism is motivated by bitter-

ness: Many in Japan have a strong vested

interest in seeing Mr. Hosokawa fail. Most of

the problems he faces, especially an economic

slowdown that is far worse than expected, were

inherited from the previous government.

It is far from clear that if the Liberal Demo-

crats had stayed in power the economy would

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er former Southern governor across the Pacific.

of Israeli statements and positions which try to

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Two Houses, but No Home, for Russia's Parliament

By Fred Hiatt Washington Post Service

MOSCOW — Say you're president of a major country. Biggest country in the world, in fact. Say you have a chance, with one move, to offend the press, inflame your newly elected parliament, inconvenience your major creditors — oh, and insult the disabled as well

Go for it, right? Well, that was President Boris N. Yeltsin's

At issue is the sensitive question of where Russia's new, and unexpectedly oppositionist. Federal Assembly is going to meet. The question is sensitive in part because Mr. Yeltsin's tanks shot up the last parliament. With due respect to Russia's budding democracy, no one

wants to own real estate anywhere near the next one. In the campaigning for the Dec. 12 parliamentary election, in which Mr. Yeltsin supporters fared badly, the president's chief of staff was spending a good portion of his time deciding which former deputies should receive Moscow apartments, and which should be sent packing to the provinces, according to a senior official.

So where the assembly convenes will tell Russians much about the new halance of power. Mr. Yeltsin's effort through decree to exclude them from any prestigious buildings could provoke the first confrontation between the executive and slative branches under the constitution approved in the

Mr. Yeltsin has claimed the old building for his executive branch, ordered construction of a new one and - most painfully - triggered a chain reaction with his allocation of temporary space to the legislators.

"Government doesn't shrink in Moscow," sighed a foreign-The latest property war began shortly after the end of Mr. Yeltsin's shontout with the previous legislature Oct. 4. The building, a marble monstrosity of socialist realism on the

banks of the Moscow River, was left a sooty, waterlogged,

Not to worry. Mr. Yeltsin, acting in part out of what a Russian journalist called "superstitious" determination never to let another assembly sit there, ordered his cabinet to move

Officials began around-the-clock reclamation work and, to show they were serious, hired workers from Turkey.

"The bosses are already carting in their gilded furnishings," said Viktor Feklushin, a journalist who is going to lose his offices. "Once they're ensconced, it'll take tanks to kick them

Under Mr. Yeltsin's plan, the president's expanding personal bureaucracy would move into the cabinet's offices in Staraya Ploshad, Old Square, the former Central Committee headquar-

But that still left the thorny problem of parliament. After considering various universities and institutes around town, and even out of town. Mr. Yeltsin finally settled on a double-

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Ukraine **Disarms** 17 SS-24 **Missiles**

Kiev Says Russia And U.S. Agreed On Compensation

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches KIEV - Ukraine announced Monday that it had taken 17 advanced SS-24 nuclear missiles off military alert.

Deputy Prime Minister Valeri Shmarov made the announcement two days after talks with Russia and the United States that he said produced preliminary agreement on compensation to Ukraine for giving up its nuclear arms.

"Seventeen missiles have been deactivated," Mr. Shmarov said. There will be 20 by the end of the year. This means lowering the level of military alert. The warbeads have been moved away from the

"Is this not a serious declaration of intention about Ukraine's non-nuclear policy?" he asked. "We are prepared to remove all SS-24s from military alert, but only if conditions discussed at these talks are

During months of debate on the START-1 treaty, the 46 SS-24 missiles on Ukrainian soil were viewed by Kiev as the country's best bargaining chip to win concessions from the West.

President Leonid M. Kravchuk and other politicians proposed that the SS-24s, unlike 130 older SS-19s. would not be destroyed but taken

Mr. Shmarov said that talks in Kiev with Russia and the United States last week had achieved agreement in principle on providing Ukraine with compensation for giving up the 1,600 former Soviet nuclear warheads on its territory. He mentioned no figures, and consultations were to continue.

The parliament in Kiev last month ratified the 1991 Strategic Arms Reduction Talks accord subject to 13 conditions. Two of the main conditions were that Ukraine would receive security guarantees and substantial compensation, put by some Ukrainian experts at up to

Many Ukrainian officials are reluctant to give up all the ouclear weapons, learing Russia will seek to deprive Ukraine of its indepen-

Although details of last week's talks were oot released. Ukrainian officials said an agreement on providing compensation for its longrange weapons included a promise to supply 50 tons of uranium for Ukraine's nuclear power stations. (Reuters, AP)



to take to Moscow in January.

with a fifth of all ballots cast.

tives and the political imperatives,"

"We certainly are listening to that message," be said.

Critics have described Mr. Zhir-

inovsky as a fascist. He has said

Russia needs wars to revive its

army and that Jews have only

themselves to blame for Russian

But Mr. Talbott said it would be

a mistake to "declare a Cold War"

he represents a minority view and

over as the country's leader.

anti-Semitism

A Wave of Explosives Shuts Beaches on French Atlantic

Fire fighters removing an explosive detonator from the beach near Piriac-sur-Mer on Monday. Vast stretches of French coast were closed to the public as search teams hunted for detonators that washed ashore after 35,000 fell off a Cypriot freighter, Mary-H, during bad weather in September. More than 1,400 have been found. They could maim or kill if set off.

For U.S., Yeltsin Is Not the Only Player

WASHINGTON - The United States is looking beyond Boris N. Yeltsin to other Russians to bring change to the former Soviet Union. a top State Department official

said Monday. Ambassador Strobe Talbott, who focuses on the one-time superpower, dodged questions on whether Washington was reassessing its Russia policy but acknowledged that last week's vote - in which the ultranationalist Vladimir V. Zhirinovsky made a strong showing was a clear protest against the pain

"It's not going to be near, there are going to be plenty of suspense-ful moments ahead — especially

The Associated Press

been sentenced to six years in a labor camp for

spying for the United States, a spokesman for the

military branch of Russia's Supreme Court said

Colonel Vyacheslav Baranov of the Military lotelligence Service was cooperative throughout

the investigation, which led the court to hand

down a relatively mild term, said Vadim Neus-

troyev, the court spokesman. The maximum penal-

account Mr. Baranov's poor housing cooditions

The spokesman said the court also took into

MOSCOW - A Russian intelligence officer has

given the strength of the two anti-reform blocs, the Communists and the Zhirinovsky people — but the United States policy is going to be targeted not just on Yeltsin but on reformers elsewhere in the parlia-ment," he said.

Mr. Talbott, who traveled to parts of the former Soviet Union last week with Vice President Al Gore, said the United States would aim at encouraging reform not just through Mr. Yeltsin but also through reformers opposed to the Russian president.

"If they meet our standards of reform, that is, if they are in favor of democracy." he said, "you're darn right we're going to support

Spy for U.S. Gets a Mild Sentence

Reward for Cooperation: 6 Years in a Russian Camp

He said Mr. Yeltsin himself in- Clinton's advisers were preparing terpreted last week's election results as a "wake-up call to his fellow Russian reformers. "He said there would be a lot of

rethinking of reform programs," Mr. Talbott said. Asked at a briefing whether the United States would accept a slowcal and economic face. er pace of reform in Russia, Mr. Talbott said, "It's more a matter of broadening the concept of reform."

He defined this concept as one that could balance the transition to a free market with the march toward democratization and social change. But he said U.S. commitment to Russian reforms was still

strong. Mr. Talbott said President Bill

Socialists Claiming A Victory In Serbia

By John Kifner New York Tunes Service BELGRADE - Fresident Slobodan Milosevie's ruling Socialist Party claimed victory in Serbia's parliamentary elections on Mon-

Mr. Milosevic bad clearly strengthened his grip on power, the incomplete early reports indicated, by undercutting challengers from the monarchist right who had maintained that the former Communist who unleashed nationalist passions here was insufficiently patriotie and had made a mess of the

The Socialist Party retained the largest single block of seats in parbament. But while it appeared to make some gains, it was not clear whether it would achieve the absolute majority of 126 in the 250-seat parliament needed to rule without a coalition partner.

Mr. Milosevic's victory came despite a devastated economy, in large part because of international sanctions imposed because of Serbia's support for a war for land launched by ethnic Serbs in Croatia and Bosnia after the breakup of the former Yugoslavia. The war itself Was not an issue

recommendations for the president The Socialists' spokesman, lvica Dasic, said Monday that the presi-The Clinton administration. with Mr. Talbott leading, has en-thusiastically backed Mr. Yeltsin in dent had gained the majority needed to form a "stable" government. His party's vote projections, Mr. Dasic said, showed that the Socialhis drive to change Russia's politi-But the election produced a huge protest vote, and Mr. Zhirinovsky's

ists would have from 124 to 128 Liberal Democratic Party finished But Monday night the official state election committee issued its projection based on the early refirst in the party-preference vote

turns, showing the Socialists with "There is no question that the 116 scats. people of Russia were sending a The calculations of several of the message to their leadership, and opposition parties put the ruling party's results at around 110 seats. their message was that reform, as it has been carried out to date, has The Socialist Party held 101 seats in the old parliament, ruling been accompanied by a lot of disruption,a lot of disorder and lot of

in coalition with the Serbian Radihardship for the average Russian citizen," Mr. Talbott said. cal Party, led by Vojislav Seselj.

President Milosevic ordered the The Russians who voted for the parliament dissolved and new elecnew parliament that will take office tions held after his former protegé in January want a balance struck challenged him with a no-confibetween the economic imperadence vote, charging that the government was corrupt.

> Mr. Milosevic's victory is believed to give him maneuvering room should be decide to make territorial compromises with the Muslim-led Bosnian government to gain an end to sanctions when the latest round of peace talks begin in Geneva on Tuesday. The talks are to move on to a meeting with European Community foreign ministers in Brussels on Wednesday.

against Mr. Zhirinovsky, because The speaker of parliament of the self-declared Serbian Republic in was a very long way from taking Bosnia, Momcilo Krajisnik, has said that Serbian and Croatian compromise offer but were uncertain whether the Bosnian side would accept it.

WORLD BRIEFS

Bonn Sets March 31 Somalia Pullout

BONN (Reuters) - Germany will withdraw its troops from Somalia by March 31 alongside the American pullout from the United Nations peacekeeping operation, a government official said Monday.

The withdrawal plan had been approved in principle by the United Nations, the official said. Defense Minister Volker Rühe said earlier that for logistical reasons the Germans had to coordinate their pullout with

the Americans, whose 8,100 soldiers will be out by March 31. The 1,700-member German deployment, which took place in July in an effort to expand Bonn's military role in the United Nations, became unpopular at home after UN peacekeeping forces became unred in combat with General Mohammed Farrah Aidid's militis.

French School Bars Muslim Scarf

GRENOBLE. France (Reuters) — A French public school said Monday that it had sent home a Muslim girl for wearing an Islamic head scarf day on the basis of early vote during physical education classes.

Staff at the Lycke Mounier said a disciplinary committee took the action when the 17-year-old refused to obey her teacher's order to remove the scarf. The girl, denouncing the decision as an injustice, urged students to sign a petition outside the school on Monday.

It was the fifth time this month that Muslim students in France have been sent home for wearing Islamic head scarves, which are seen as breaking the rules of secular state schools. The issue is controversial because there are up to 3 million Muslims in France, making islam the country's second religion after Roman Catholicism.

U.K. Serial Killer Is Jailed for Life

LONDON (AP) — A former soldier, Colin Ireland, was sentenced to life in prison Monday after admitting to being the serial killer who stalked London's homosexual community and murdered five men, including an

Mr. Ireland, 39, pleaded guilty to five charges of murder at the start of his trial. Prosecutor John Nutting said Mr. Ireland set out to become a serial killer, telling people he would have to kill at least four people to be classified as one. He said the murders were "premediated and meticu-

Mr. Ireland strangled or suffocated the men in their London homes between March 8 and June 15. Each time, he telephoned the police, a national newspaper or a suicide hotline with precise details of the crime. He also threatened to kill a new victim every wook.

Butros Ghali Backs Japan's UN Bid

TOKYO (AFP) - The United Nations secretary general, Buttos Butros Ghali, supported a Japanese bid to win a permanent seat on the UN Security Council when he met Prime Minister Moribiro Hosokawa

here on Monday, officials said.

Mr. Butros Ghali, who had already expressed support last week for Japan's bid, said that Japan should campaign aggressively if it wanted to become a permanent Security Council member. Permanent Seats are beld by Britain, China, France, Russia and the United States.

"Japan's participation in UN peacekeeping activities is not a precondition for its permanent seat on the council," he was quoted as telling the

Truckers Drive Home Point to Kohl

BONN (AP) — Hundreds of track drivers drove past the home of Chancellor Helmut Kohl with bons blaring on Monday to protest the high taxes they say are crippling the German transport industry...

Across the country, the 250,000 long-distance haulers halted their trucks and housed their hours from 11 A.M. to noon to demand tax. breaks. A convoy drove past Mr. Kohl's home in Oggersheim, 175 kilometers (110 miles) south of the capital. The police cordoned off the

The truckers say about 100,000 jobs are in danger because of growing competition from East European drivers as well as from others within the European Community. The German Goods Transport Association says German truck drivers pay an average 10,500 Deutsche marks (\$6,100) in taxes per year for their trucks, compared to the equivalent of 115 DM per

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France Deports 26 Illegal Algerians
PARIS (Combined Dispatches) — France on Monday deported 26
illegal Algerian residents who were rounded up in a raid on a crimeridden northern Paris quarter last week.

The Interior Ministry said the Algerians were flown home under police escort, bringing to 2,219 the number of Algerians expelled this year. The Dec. 13 raids and arrests of the Algerians, described as petry criminals. came amid mounting violence against foreigners in Algeria, including the killing of at least three Frenchmen.

In Algiers, the El Watan daily reported Monday that two suspected Islamic fundamentalist gunner shot and killed the deputy mayor of an Algiers suburb saturday in the latest such attack on appointed council;

MIDEAST: Arafat Is Hoping for a Breakthrough

ty for espionage is death.

Continued from Page 1 schedules agreed on," the PLO statement said.

In Jerusalem, a source close to

the Israeli government said he ex-

pected the talks to resume in Paris on Tuesday.

"Probably so," said the source, who declined to be identified, when asked about the Tunis report. He expected the Paris talks to be Israel, meanwhile, has jailed Ab-

delaziz Rantisi, the spokesman for Palestinian deportees during their yearlong exile in a Lebanese noman's land, for six months without trial, military sources said on Mon-

at a ministerial level as were those month "administrative detention" orders when they returned last

> Israel took back the final group of 197 deportees last week and has been releasing them gradually after

Mr. Rantisi and two other Mus- most of the remaining 49 would be lim leaders were issued with six- released soon. (AP, Reuters, AFP)

and the fact that both his daughters were seriously

People coovicted of high treason usually have all

their property confiscated, but in this case the

court decided to leave half of Colonel Baranov's

Colooel Baranov volunteered to become a dou-

ble agent for the United States during his tour of

duty abroad in the 1980s, said a spokesman for the

Security Ministry, which cooducted the investiga-

"Baranov inflicted substantial damage, but had

this damage been greater, his prison term would

have been longer," said the ministry spokesman.

property for his family.

On Sunday, Israel released 128 deportees. Military sources said

YELTSIN: 2 Houses, No Home

barreled solution: The Russian House of Press would be appropriated for the upper bouse, or Feder-ation Council; and for the lower ments. The Comecon building has bouse, or State Duma, the sky-scraper that once belonged to Co-mecon, the Eastern trading bloc. The chief advantage of this solu-

tion seemed to be how difficult it would be for the assembly to work. Both buildings are bopelessly inap-

propriate, according to people who work there.

The halls have no desks on which few large rooms for conferences or committees. Most delightful, for a chief executive tired of pesky parliaments, the two chambers would be separated by several miles of borrendous Moscow traffic.

"It's always easier to coutrol people when they are separated," Mr. Fekinshin said.

Mr. Feklushin is depoty editor of Golos, or Voice, a weekly dedicated to protecting freedom of the press n countries of the former Soviet Union. It is one of about 40 impecunious publications and radio stations to which Mr. Yeltsin granted office space in the Press House in 1991, following his triumph over a hard-line Communist coup. and from whom he is now proposing to take the space back.

"How can this be tolerated?" asked Yuri Shakutin, 63, who set up a small tent in the building's lobby and conducted a seven-day protest strike. "One day the president beckons us with his linger, the next be kicks us with his boot. It shows be doesn't need a free and independent press any more."

As Mr. Shakutin spoke in front of his tent, with its neat cot and boules of water, a friead brought a bowl of beets. Mr. Shakutin had been persuaded to end his strike, but be vowed not to abandon his Asked whether parliament

would seek to reclaim the old White House, the chief of the Com-munist Party, Gennadi Zyuganov, shuddered and said to. But he also rejected Mr. Yeltsin's proposal. So where will the new parliament

meet? Russia's top Communist smiled and answered: "In the



Teenagers' Celebration Turns to Tragedy in Argentina The mother of one of 17 teenagers killed in a disco fire, outside the club near Buenos Aires on Monday. The youths, who were celebrating their high school graduation, were trapped by padlocked fire exits. The blaze was thought to have been started by a firecracker or a cigarette.

Russian Is Slain in Tajikistan Agence France-Presse

DUSHANBE, Tajikistan

Russian border guard was shot and killed Monday on the border between Tajikistan and Afghanistan. the border guard press service said. The unidentified attackers opened fire on the soldier from a car in Khorog, the main town in the southwest border region of Gomo-Badakhchan. It added they may have been drug or arms traffickers.

Avalanche Alert at French Resorts

GRENOBLE, France — An avalanche alert in most of the French
Alps, caused by warm weather, prompted many resorts to close slopes

TRAVEL UPDATE

Two skiers died in snow slides. The unseasonable weather, which followed early storms last month, also set record temperatures in southern and central France.

Gale-force winds in Germany disrupted sea and road traffic in the north Monday, and rain swelled rivers in the south. Ferry traffic on the Baltic coast was suspended. Roads were cut off by failen trees, and power disrupted by damaged lines. In Alpine regions of Bavaria, winds and snow forced operators to stop running ski lifts at some resorts. (AP)

Dutch proposals to expand Schaphol airport, which include constructing a fifth runway by 2003, will cost about 30 billion guilders in the period to 2015, according to the ministries involved. Four months of consultation will start next month, with the proposals expected to be put before parliament in late 1994 or in early 1995.

Benvenuto Cellui's statue of Persens outside Florence's city hall is a victim of air pollution and must be restored. The surface of the 16th century statue of the god who chopped off Medusa's head has been coroded by anto fumes; Italian television said Monday. (Reuters)

Niger's customs officers went on indefinite strike Monday. (AFP) Australia and the United States have reached an agreement ending their dispute over the lucrative air corridor to Japan, Transport Minister Rob Collins of Australia said Monday in Canberra. The accord allows a maximum of two U.S. carriers and two Australian carriers to operate on the route between Australia, Japan and the United States.

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WASHINGTON - Presidencies rise or fall on the strength or washined for Presidencies rise or fall on the strength or weakness of the economy. So it is not surprising that with almost all economic signs looking good nowadays, President Bill Clinton and his advisers have begin to crow.

"Look at the direction we're going in," the president told a group of supporters early this month. "We have unemployment down, investment up, no inflation and low interest rates. We are moving in the right direction."

But its recognision of the control of th

But in economic circles outside the administration, even some of the president's strongest supporters — those who believe the Clinton policies promise significant improvement over the rest of the decade — say he does not deserve nearly so much credit as he is claiming for what has happened in the economy so far,

"The strength of the economy now is not so much what they have done as it is a natural corrective process that's going on." said Laurence H. Meyer, a leading economic consultant and forecaster in

Bemamin M. Friedman, a professor of political economy at Harvard University, is another prominent economist who favors the Clinton administration's basic policies but who believes the improvement in the economy in the last half of this year is largely a

result of the normal progression of the business cycle.

"I don't think the Clinton people deserve a lot of credit for what's happening in the economy today," Mr. Friedman said. "It is good that they addressed longer-term concerns by trying to deal with the fiscal imbalances. But that is not what generates a surge of economic

Laura D'Andrea Tyson, the head of Mr. Clinton's Council of Economic Advisers, acknowledges that administration policy is only one ingredient in the economic stew. But she argues that the improvements of the last few months are a direct result of the budget the president forced through Congress last summer.

Bentsen Wants Higher Pension Eligibility Age

WASHINGTON - Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen thinks the Clinton administration should consider accelerating the timetable for raising the age at which old people begin receiving Social Security

"I think that's one of the things that we should look at as people live longer and longer and are more productive," Mr. Bentsen said. But Mr. Bentsen said the administration currently was not willing to consider two other ideas for reducing spending in the huge federal retirement program: limits on cost-of-living adjustments and in-

creased taxes on high-income recipients,
Mr. Bentsen's comments reflect growing congressional pressure to
restrain programs such as Social Security and Medicare, which have become the biggest contributors to the record federal deficits of

Surgeon-General's Son Held on Drug Charge

LITTLE ROCK, Arkansas (AP) — The son of Surgeon-General Joycelyn Elders surrendered to police Monday on a charge that he sold cocaine to undercover agents. The son, Kevin Elders, 28, is accused of selling an eighth of an ownce of cocaine to undercover police on July 29 for \$275.

The police issued a warrant for his arrest last week, a week after Mr. Elders's mother said legalizing drugs could reduce the country's crime rate and suggested that the government study the idea. In a terse statement Friday. Dr. Elders said she supported her son.

Quote/Unquote

After listening to President Clinton complain that he had not saved any money in 1993, George Stephanopoulos, a senior aide, told him: "Mr. President, I don't think you should worry about that. I think your savings account will be your memoirs."

Clinton's Security Aide Offered to Quit Over Somalia

Washington Post Service
WASHINGTON — Of course W. Anthony Lake offered in resign.

President Bill Clinton's national security adviser, a

private man with an abhorrence of melodrama, presents it as a casual, almost offhand remark. In the days after the downing of a U.S. helicopter in Mogadishu, Somalia, and the deaths of 18 servicemen, Mr. Lake told the president that, naturally, he was prepared to step down if that would help.

Mr. Lake, 54, describes the offer with a tone of mild

surprise that anyone might have acted differently, combined with chagrin that his private conversation with the president had leaked.

That was not a big deal." he says. "It's what you It is a simple summation of the gentleman's code by

which Mr. Lake has lived his life, a statement of what one does in such circumstances. Neither Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher nor the departing Defense Secretary Les Aspin made a similar offer.

"It was a matter of integrity," says Mr. Lake's

deputy, Samuel R. Berger. Tony generally has a strong sense of responsibility for all of this, whether he is, in fact, responsible or not." But for anyone who knows Mr. Lake, it was surely

an agonizing moment for a man with enormous pride and a long stake in U.S. foreign policy.

His friends stress his competiniveness, surprising to those who see only his diffident public persona. The prep school debater, the captain of the Harvard authority was steadily eroded. squash team, they say, is still a person who "enumpetes lo win."

Yet, unmistakably, Mr. Lake has an intense distaste for self-promotion. Asked during an interview what he views as his biggest achievement in office, he demurs.
"Pass," he finally says. "That would be the sin of

When a reporter pointed out that some political figures actually enjoy being interviewed. Mr. Lake emmented wryly: "That's what I like so much about

in office, Mr. Lake has been haunted by the ghosts of two predecessors: Henry A. Kissinger and Zhig-niew Brzezinski. He was Mr. Kissinger's special assistant in the Nixon White House and he saw lots of Mr. Brzezinski as a trusted aide to Secretary of State Cyrus R. Vance during the Carter years. Both Mr. Kissinger and Mr. Brzezinski now serve largely as negative models and help explain Mr. Lake's near invisibility.

Even before President Richard Nixon took office in 1969, Mr. Kissinger maneuvered to usurp power from Secretary of State William P. Rogers: once in office, Mr. Kissinger transformed the national security adviser into the central foreign policy player and was eager

Mr. Lake entered the foreign service in 1962 and, inspired by President John F. Kennedy, went to Vietnam as a believer in the U.S. "mission." By the time be joined Mr. Kissinger's staff in 1969, he was sick of a war that defied termination."

He later explained that he became Mr. Kissinger's special assistant in "the hope that a new administration, and, especially, Kissinger himself could cut the Vietnam knot.

That turned out to be a hit of self-delusion. More were to follow. Mr. Lake and a fellow staffer, Roger Morris, stumbled on evidence that Mr. Kissinger was wiretapping one of their colleagues, but kept silent. "Roger and I decided not to confront Kissinger," Mr. Lake told Walter Isaacson, a hiographer of Mr. Kis-

singer. "We were fighting on enough fronts."
Finally, when Mr. Nixon decided to order the bomhing of Cambodia, Mr. Lake, Mr. Morris and another staffer. William Watts — what Mr. Kissinger called the "hleeding hearts cluh" - resigned in protest. But they decided not to make their disagreement public, not wanting to injure Mr. Kissinger, whom they saw as the last figure of hope inside the administration

Two weeks later, Mr. Kissinger approved a wiretap

Some of those lessons were reinforced in the years of President Jimmy Carter. As Mr. Vance and Mr. Brzeinski feuded for dominance, the president's message

hecame muddled and contradictory.

Hodding Carter 3d, who was Mr. Vance's spokesman at the time, says Mr. Lake "saw what amounted

in a nonstop campaign by the national security adviser in usurp the position of the secretary of state."
"And I think," he added, "he knows from his experiences of where the national security adviser is located, in total proximity to the president, that the possibility for him engaging in a lot of power-building

mischief is very high."

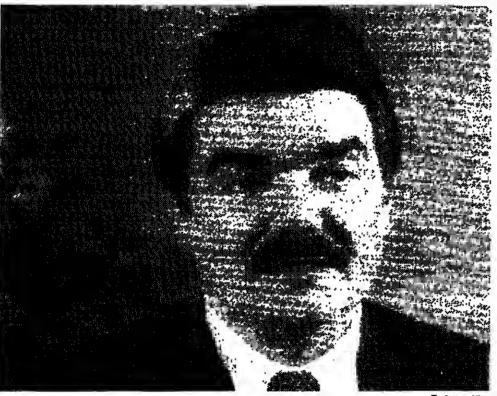
By the time Mr. Carter left office, Mr. Lake had had enough. He bought a cattle farm in Massachusetts and took a teaching job at Mount Holyoke College.

"He's smart and he's competitive and all those things, but I think there's also an ambivalence in his approach to the Washington life, which meant that he also values his privacy and values his family," says

Antonia Lake. When he came back, it seemed as though he could do it on his own terms. A year ago, as Mr. Clinton announced his selection, Mr. Lake joked that he took the job "because the price of beef is down."

As much as Mr. Lake is driven to succeed in the job be now holds, "Tony," says the Clinton aide George Stephanopoulos, "is the only person in the administranon who doesn't psychologically need to be here."

White House Denies Troopers' Infidelity Accusation



Roger Perry, a state trooper who says he helped arrange liaisons for Mr. Clinton, appearing on CNN.

WASHINGTON - The White Mr. Clinton had several "conversa-House on Monday denied allegations by two Arkansas state policemen that they arranged extramari-

when he was governor of Arkansas. Dee Dee Myers, the White House spokeswoman, released a statement by a senior presidential adviser, Bruce Lindsey, denying the charges and saying that they were part of an old campaign to discredit the president.

"These allegations are ridicu-lous." Mr. Lindsey said in the statement, "Similar charges were made, investigated, and responded to dur-ing the campaign. There is nothing that dignifies a further response."

The two Arkansas policemen, Roger Perry and Larry Patterson, told Cable News Network that they were part of Mr. Clinton's security detail when he was governor and that they arranged late-night sexual

The two policemen told the network they had been under pressure to keep silent. They said another Arkansas state trooper had been called by the president himself and offered a promotion if he would keep the White House informed about the troopers' intentions to go public with what they knew.

Away From Politics

· Domino's Pizza Inc. must pay about \$79 million to a woman who

was seriously injured when a delivery driver ran a red light and hit her car. The St. Louis Circuit Court jury awarded \$750,000 in actual

damages and \$78 million in punitive damages to Jean Kinder, 49.

The driver settled out of court for \$150,000. At issue was Domino's

guarantee to deliver pizzas in 30 minutes or less. Ms. Kinder's lawyer

The U.S. military may have bungled investigations into the deaths

of 40 soldiers by labeling them suicides when evidence suggested some of the soldiers were killed. The Philadelphia Inquirer reported.

The paper said it had researched the cases, from bases around the

world, after getting calls from the soldiers' families. It did not say

A package containing two powerful pipe bombs was found by a

Massachusetts doctor on his return home from vacation. The police detonated the bombs on Dr. Paul Rosenberg's front lawn early

Monday after evacuating nearby homes. Dr. Rosenberg, a neurolo-

gist at Children's Hospital in Boston, said he had no idea why

A youth was killed when he used his body to shield two girls from a

gunman who opened fire at a party in Lancaster, California. Ray-shaun Love, 17, was shot once in the chest by another youth who got

Radioactive pills were given to pregnant women by researchers working on a U.S. government study during the 1940s to determine the long-term effects of radiation on children. A follow-up study in

the 1960s concluded that three children born to the women likely

argued that the guarantee causes too many accidents.

what years its research spanned.

anyone would want to kill him.

angry when beer was spilled on his shoe.

Mr. Lindsey acknowledged that tions" with people about the "false stories." But he denied that the president had sought silence from tal affairs for President Bill Clinton anyone. "Any suggestion that the president offered anyone a joh in return for silence is a lie."

The charges were also detailed hy a conservative magazine. The American Spectator, which said the policemen intended to write a book

Mr. Lindsey said that the presented a list of resolutions. Clinton. He said the "real story"

Allegations and rumors of extramarital relations dogged Mr. Clinton before and during his 1992 campaign, but he overcame them to win the presidency after he and Hillary Rodham Clinton acknowlmarriage.

During 1992, a nightclub singer. Gennifer Flowers, said in a paid interview in the tahloid Star that she had been Mr. Clinton's lover for 12 years. Mr. Clinton denied the allegation. (Reuters, AP)

CABINET: Holding on to Job

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made fewer mistakes than Mr. Aspin and had scored what one called "some solid successes," referring to his efforts to sustain negotiations between Israel and the Arabs and to promote U.S. world economic goals, particularly in the Seattle ennference of leaders of Pacific

Mr. Christopher took his case to Mr. Clinton in October in a way about Mr. Clinton's life in Little Mr. Aspin, despite urgings from his associates, did not: He essentially

charges were "part of an orchestrated campaign to discredit" Mr.

The list included a commitment to ensure that his office stayed in closer touch with White House mewas "how the media are being ma- dia and policy advisers in order to nipulated" by the president's crit- avoid enntradictory cross talk to reporters.

By contrast, Mr. Aspin's response to his situation was relatively passive. Senior officials, in describing efforts to get Mr. Aspin to improve his performance, said that sessions with him and his aides edged rough patches during their were held as far back as two in serious jeopardy of losing his cahinet post without a significant

Mr. Christopher also defined six foreign policy priorities and promised to stick to them. They included promoting U.S. economic interests, supporting reform in Russia and strengthening ries with Asia. Notahly absent from the list were the three trouble spats over which Mr. Christopher had tripped: Somalia, Haiti and Bosnia.

Mr. Christopher ceded to Mr. Gore significant ground in articulating foreign policy.

At the same time, however, reponsibility for some major policy areas has been delegated to a numbet of other officials: Strobe Talbott has the hrief for Russian policy; Winston Lord handles China; and Mickey Kantor takes care of economic negotiations with Tokyo, which are now the center of U.S. relations with Japan.

Mr. Christopher has reserved one high-profile project for himself: to make progress in stalled talks between Israel and Syria. The decision follows months in which his main role in the Middle East talks was limited to making sure negotiations did not collapse.

Some of these measures, while having bought time for Mr. Christopher, seem to some Washington veterans to have diminished the office of secretary of state.

A foreign policy expert said Mr. Christopher "is allowing himself to be marginalized."

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DEFENSE: A Business Debacle Raises Questions About Inman's Skills

*JAPAN: Some Say Hosokawa Is Proving Himself a Small-Town Politician

in the last month, the gap with the United States is continuing to widen and the year-end figure may exceed the record of \$57 billion.

After months of restraining their

computer chips symptomic chips symp

sokawa has been so concerned with the 45-day extension of the parliamentary session that Mr. Honor yet focused on the main set of sokawa nbtained last week.

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about Mr. luman's stewardship. The company filed for reorganization under Chapter 11 of the U.S. Mr. Inman abruptly left as its chief executive and chairman in December 1989. By all accounts, its debt problems were caused both by mismanagement and the move to take it private that was led by the retired

As Tracor was sinking, Mr. Inman continued to receive a large compensation package, according to documents later filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. While two other executives or saving it or at cutting costs. were paid even more money, Mr. Inman received nearly \$1 million in 1989, including \$422,000 in salary, \$250,000 in deferred compensation and a \$300,000 bonus from the pre-

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more secure in their jobs.

be better off or Japanese would feel

But even American officials say

their early hopes that Mr. Ho-sokawa would move swiftly to re-

duce the pensistent economic ten-

sions between Japan and America

"What's going on is no mystery,"
a senior administration official

deeply involved in Japan said. "Ev-

eryone's expectations were high, probably far too high. And we're discovering once again that change in Japan is not like change in Washington."

Mr. Hosokawa's closest allies are

urging patience, saying that cleaning up a corrupt political system has been such a wrenching battle that the prime minister has not

been able to turn to anything else.
"We need some more time," Ma-

net secretary and head of one of the

sayoshi Takemura, the chief cabi- predece

reform parties allied with Mr. Hosokawa is reform parties allied with Mr. Hosokawa is still enormously popular among lapanese voters, with approval ratings upward of 70 percent until But I think that soon you will see the outlines of our ideas."

There has been little progress on Nonetheless, the extraordinary

the issues Washington cares about popularity figures have not been most. While Japan's wasdwide enough to enable Mr. Hosokawa to

trade surplus has narrowed slightly push through his broad political panther

did not want to discuss anything at Tracor.

To Mr. Imman's critics, the story of Tracor illustrates his penchant for big spending on high-technology defense, a penchant that will as he moves on to head the world's largest procurement organization. The Pentagon's \$262 billion budget, this year is larger than the budgets of many small nations.

A member of President Bill Clinton's cabinet who has closely followed Mr. Inman's career expressed some concern about Mr. Inman, observing that he seemed to be an expert at spending money but not particularly adept at raising it

Mr. Inman said in an interview from his home in Austin that the bulk of Tracor's problems had been caused by bankers and lawyers from Wall Street, whose excessive vious year. The company never disfees had added significantly to the closed how much he received in cost of buying the company and

public criticisms for fear of under-

computer chips, supercomputers and cellular telephones. Once again

there are rumblings about trade

American and a few Japanese officials complain that Mr. Ho-

not yet focused on the main set of

trade negotiations under way with

the United States, the broad

"framework accord" agreed upon in July between Mr. Clinton and

Kiichi Miyazawa, Mr. Hosokawa's

Polis show that Mr. Hosokawa is

compensation in 1988, his first year had led it down a road of debt that focus simply on his two years at Tracor. To Mr. Imman's critics, the story knowledged that there were cost played significant roles in helping For Housekeeper overtuns and performance prob-

> ing it even harder to service the crushing debt load. "I would say that the lesson I took from Tracor was that you don't do a leveraged transaction at a time of contraction because unnot going to he in control of your fate," he said. Still, he conceded

contracting industry.

Asked how he would apply this experience to the Pentagon, he or in possible securities violations said, "We're going to have to for failing to disclose losses from change the procurement system." But he declined to comment on any future policies before his ennfirma-

resistant to cutting costs, a mindset

that has dominated the defense-

on campaign funds.

The Liberal Democrats have dragged their feet, hoping to em-

the new system would marginalize

While the bill has passed the low-

If the bill fails, he may be forced

to call a new election. That is his

most potent threat, because the leaders of the Liberal Democratic

Panther Attacks Its Owner

The Associated Press

France — A panther who was to turn into a little girl at a Christmas magic show escaped from its cage,

mauling its owner and a technician,

who was seriously injured. The po-lice said they were forced to kill the

SAINT-SYLVAIN D'ANJOU,

er house of parliament, the chances of getting it through the upper house are 50-50 at best, even with

to reshape Fluor, Southwestern lems while he headed the company Bell and Xerox as a member of the that reduced its flow of cash, mak-boards of those companies, and that it was those experiences that he had in mind when be touted his tary, Bobby Ray Inman, failed to

House ceremony. Since 1987, Mr. Imman has also served as a director of Dell Com-puter and was the head of its andit Monday. less you have the cash flow, you're puter and was the head of its audit committee. The company is now under investigation by the Secur-ties and Exchange Commission for that the military side of Tracor was evidence Mr. Inman had been involved in the questionable trading for failing to disclose losses from

when he and the Dell board learned tion hearings.

Of the currency transactions, "we He also said it would be unfair to were taken by total surprise."

Inmans Owed \$6,000 in Taxes The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Mr. Clinbusiness background at the White bay \$6,000 in Social Security taxes for a part-time bousekeeper until he became a candidate for the Pen-

Mr. Inman filed the appropriate forms with the Internal Revenue Service on Monday. He "made improper currency speculation. But payment on approximately \$6,000 in taxes owed," according to a White House statement.

The statement said Mr. Inman and his wife had employed a house-keeper since 1986 who worked one or two days a week. The couple did not withhold Social Security and related taxes, the White House statement said.

"At the outset of his discussions with the White House, Admiral Inman fully disclosed this situation and made clear his intent to come into compliance with administration policy on this issue," the statement said. President Clinton's first choice

for attorney general, Zoe Baird, withdrew her nomination after disyears in power, are desperately try-ing to prevent their once-monolithclosure of her failure to withhold ic party from fracturing further. taxes for an illegal alien. The candi-An election would probably redacy of Kimba M. Wood, a front sult in defections, as younger mem-bers of the party jump ship to join tled over the same issue, although she did not violate any tax laws. the reformers.

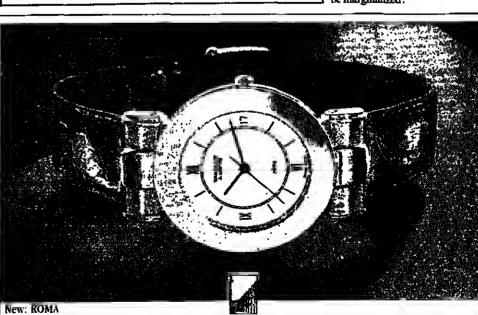
The Next N.Y. Street Pitch: Can You Spare a Voucher?

New York Times Service

Program in which residents can give vouchers — redeemable for food or personal items — instead of money to beggars.

Following the lead of Berkeley, California, which started the nation's first voucher program in 1991, the group, West Side Cares, began its effort during the weekend. It is a way to "stop feeding the drug dealers and start feeding people in need," said Laura Friedman, a coordinator of the group, which includes merchants, charitable organizations and residents.

organizations and residents. The program, which was met with praise and criticism from advocates for the homeless, targets 19 blocks of Broadway, between 106th Street and 125th Street. So far, 17 stores have agreed in sell the 25-cent vouchers to customers, who can give them to panhandlers. The vouchers can then be redeemed at face value for food and personal items in seven participating stores.



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An Old Arkansas Story

Much as Bill Clinton might wish, the curious sage of his and his wife's dealings with the owner of a failed Arkansas savings and loan association just won't go away. It keeps popping up in congressional inquiries and news-paper accounts, each time with a new and unsayory detail added to an already unflattering portrait of the cozy relationship between money and politics in Arkansas. An important detail is that the owner of Madison Guaranty Savings and Loan, James McDougal, helped the Clintons repay a \$50,000 personal debt just when Mr. McDougal needed favorable treatment from state banking officials to stay in business. He did stay in business, his problems got worse, and in 1989 the bank was taken over by the federal government, at a cost to taxpayers of \$60 million.

There is no irrefutable evidence of a quid pro quo. But the Arkansas savings and loan mess, and the Clintons' relationship to it, is not, as the White House keeps saying, an "old" story that has no relevance to Mr. Clinton or his present job. This is a man who rode into Washington on a pledge to end politics as usual, and every time the White House dodges inquiries about the old days in Arkansas, reasonable people begin to wonder about a cover-up and Mr. Clinton's sincerity.

The matter clearly needs ventilating, and if the White House won't do it, two other insututions can. One is the Justice Department. which is looking into transactions at Madison; the Clintons are not targets of the probe. The other is the House Banking Committee, whose ranking minority member. Jim Leach. Republican of Iowa, believes that a full investigation could help the committee frame new rules to prevent future banking disasters. His request has been rebuffed by the committee chairman. Henry Gonzalez, Democrat of Texas, who until now has been a tiger on the savings and loan issue. Mr. Gonzalez accuses Mr. Leach of a

Republican "fishing expedition,"

Mr. Leach has called Madison 3 "private piggy bank" for its owners and their influen-tial Arkansas friends, and on this be is surely right. In addition to a string of dubious real

estate investments, Madison made large unsecured loans to executives and other insiders.

Madison's practices attracted the attention of federal auditors, whose 1984 review found "unsafe and unsound lending practices." Shortly thereafter, Governor Clinton named Beverly Bassett Schaffer as head of the Arkansas agency charged with overseeing state-chartered sav-ings and loans. Ms. Schaffer had once done legal work for Madison. For the next 18 months, she took no significant action.

After her appointment. Mr. Clinton came to Mr. McDougal with a request to "knock out the deficit" — Mr. McDougal's words — left over from the governor's 1984 campaign. That deficit was \$50,000 that Mr. and Mrs. Clinton had borrowed from another bank to finance the campaign. Mr. McDougal organized a fund-raiser and the debt was repaid. Federal auditors suspect that some of the donarions assembled by Mr. McDougal may bave been improperly diverted from the savings and loan.

Mr. Clinton did not order his regulators to crack down on Mr. McDougal even after he was advised by his own banking commissioner in 1983 that the savings and loan operator was engaged in imprudent banking practices. Suspicions that Mr. Clinton was excessively kind to his friend - at great cost eventually. to the taxpayers — are further reinforced by the fact that Mr. McDougal had done other favors for the Clintons, including making them 50-50 partners in Whitewater Development, a real estate company.

Based on what is publicly known, there is probably not a crippling scandal here. But the White House is behaving as if there were. Federal investigators say they have received little cooperation in a search for files that they suspect were taken from the office of Vincent Foster, a White House aide who killed himself. Investigators want to know if one of those files dealt with Mr. McDougal and Whitewater.

This defensiveness isn't helping anyone.

Mr. Clinton — and Mr. Gonzalez — owe it to the public to clear the air about Madison and its influential Arkansas friends.

- THE NEW YORK TIMES.



Bill Clinton sent a great many messages last week with his rapid replacement of Defense Secretary Les Aspin with Bobby Ray Inman. Mr. Inman seemed to be sending some messages of his own. Much will depend on how

the Clinton and Inman messages fit together. Whatever the merits of the change itself and whatever the accomplishments of Mr. Aspin —and they are considerable —the fact is that procedurally the thing, for once, went very smoothly. The president appeared decisive, authoritative and swift in making his move from Mr. Aspin to Mr. Inman. The dilatory approach to filling key administration posts and in reaching decisions on these matters was not in evidence. And Mr. Inman is an estimable man for the job, a good choice. But then there was his extremely odd, even somewhat condescending statement in accepting that job.

Was it really to the point for Mr. Inman to go out of his way to volunteer that he had voted for George Bush, not Mr. Clinton - and then to explain how be had felt about Mr. Bush's "handling of the economy"? Then there was the comment on Mr. Inman's felt need "to reach a level of comfort" with Mr. Clinton. He told the president he wanted to be sure that "I would be very comfortable in your role as commander in chief, president, while I was secretary of defense." It seemed that Mr. Inman was suggesting that he had interviewed the president to

make sure Mr. Clinton was qualified for the job

the voters elected Mr. Clinton to fill. There have now been reports that unnamed White House aides cleared the remarks in advance and were content with them, even as other aides were said to be upset. Our sense is that they represented less than an altogether

comfortable beginning.

Mr. Clinton chose Mr. Inman in part because the new defense secretary is in a position to put him on better terms with the military establishment, to testify to his commitment to a strong defense - and perhaps also to help the administration rally support for a defense budget that must be scaled back in the coming vears. It is a relationship that holds promise for Mr. Clinton, but also carries the danger that Mr. Inman will be able to use his own independent standing as a potential threat in his battles within the administration.

Our guess is that Mr. Clinton, who is certainshrewd in his understanding of power, has calculated these risks and sees Mr. Inman as not just an able defense secretary but also a useful ambassador to constituencies that do not regard him with affection. Still, it is a very complicated role. Mr. Inman is well qualified to play it, but it will take great skill — and great tact. That statement did raise some question as

to how be sees himself playing it. - THE WASHINGTON POST.

Putting the Staff on Board

employees is an attractive solution to a seemingly unsolvable financial problem. It could spread to the other major carriers and beyond.

In the last three years, as the economy has sagged, U.S. airlines bave lost more than \$10 billion; United alone has lost more than \$1 billion. A major problem is that the large carriers have buge debt and other fixed costs that do not go away when business falls off. No matter bow few passengers United carries, it still must pay interest to creditors and run its gargantuan bub-and-spoke operations.

That makes airlines easy prey to strike threats. If the pilots walked away from their jobs, the airlines would go bankrupt quickly. Desperate to stay afloat, the airlines have entered labor contracts they cannot afford. The situation worsened when upstart carriers, like Southwest, relying on cheap labor and flexible work rules to fly only short-haul routes, began

to siphon away United's customers.

The salvation of United lies in cutting its labor costs. That means lower pay, it also means looser work rules so that it can staff planes and airports with fewer workers. But the pilots and machinists, distrusting that they would ever see the benefit, were not about to offer massive wage cuts for nothing. That is wby Stephen Wolf, the head of United, entered negotiations for a worker buyout. If it happens, United will become the largest

worker-controlled company in America. Under the tentative agreement, the unions

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The tentative agreement by United Airlines agree to sizable cuts in wages and fringe to sell a majority stake of the carrier to its benefits. The labor savings are expected to exceed \$5 billion over six years. In return, the unions will get 53 percent ownership of the airline. Worker control can seare investors who fear that worker-owners would rush to steer revenues into bloated wages rather than dividends or investment. So the unions wisely agreed to appoint only a minority of the board; they would, in effect, retain veto power

over many important corporate decisions. The deal demonstrates that workers will absorb steep wage cuts only if they are guaranteed benefits down the road. Worker control provides that guarantee. Workers are given an immediate stake in the company's long-term future. Wage concessions are immediately translated into stock shares, which stay in an employee stock ownership fund until the worker retires or otherwise leaves the company. And if further wage cuts are needed in the future, worker-owners are unlikely to resort to bankrupting strike.

Worker-controlled companies have an uneven record of success in the United States. But many of the failures were preordained, because the companies were at death's door before they were turned over to employees; despite recent losses. United's future is not bleak. If workerownership succeeds at United, it could also solve identical problems at American and Delta. Other industries forced to meet global compention by restructuring their work forces might gravitate toward the same solution.

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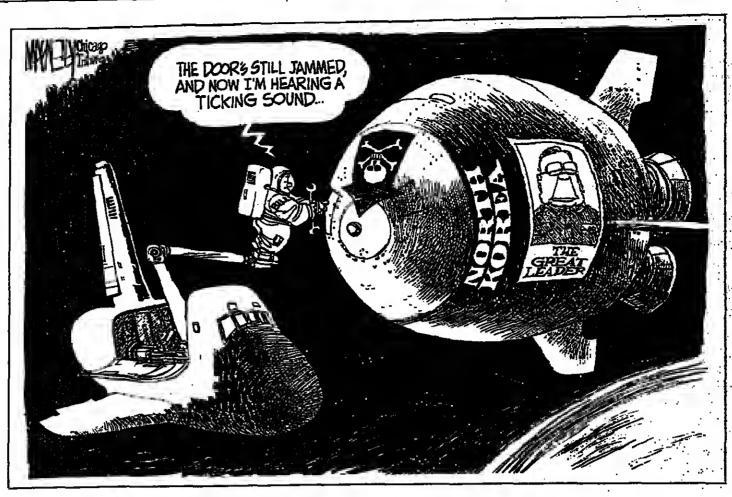
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Look, Bosnia and Its Horrors Haven't Gone Away

B OSTON — The story has moved off the front page. It is approaching the limits of the American public's attention span for even the most unrelenting borrors. The U.S. government has made a policy decision to ignore

But Serbian fascism is still taking its toll in Bosnia. Serbs are shooting, shelling, starving peo-

At every hint of firm international action, the Serbs have pulled back.

ple and seeing that they die of the cold, for only one reason: because they are not Serbs. Although the newspaper and broadcast reports have become less prominent, anyone who wants to know what is bappening in Bosnia can know. Here

are some fragments of the news in the last month: Nov. 28: Serbian shellfire killed five people in Sarajevo today on the eve of a new round of peace talks, pointing up the bleak prospects as the fierce Balkan winter begins to bite into the war-

ravaged Bosnian countryside.

Dec. 6: It was foggy and drizzly, the weather that people in Sarajevo like because it makes it bard for snipers to see, so the market called Ciglane was crowded at 11:30 this morning when the shells began falling. When it was over, five people were dead and 17 wounded, an unremarkable toll for a city entering its 20th month under siege by Serbian forces dug in on the surrounding

By Anthony Lewis

mountains. A total of 22 Sarajevans have been killed by shellfire in just the last week. (That story was by John Kifner of The New York Times.

was by John Kifner of The New York Times.
Over it an editor put the singularly apt headline
"Another Day, Another Sarajevo Raid.")
Dec. 9: Serbian forces killed at least eight people in Sarajevo today, including one of the city's leading pediatricians ... Hospital officials said mortar attacks killed four people at a market and three near a clinic, including the director, Dr. Galib Eleho, a pediatrician known for his work with the UN Children's Fund. "One of our trucks was delivering milk to the clinic for a baby food was delivering milk to the clinic for a baby food program," said Unicer's Nadim Jaganjac. Eleho had just stepped out to arrange for someone to unload it when the mortar landed and killed him."

Dec. 11: UN officials in Sarajevo are angered and frustrated at what they say is the Serbian forces' systematic blocking of relief convoys to nearly 3 nillion civilians threatened by cold and hunger in Bosnia ... Today two convoys were turned back at a checkpoint as they headed for the besieged city of Gorazde, whose residents officials have described

for weeks as in particularly bad shape. Dec. 13: A Serbian blockade of international relief convoys headed for Tuzla was creating a humanitarian crisis in the Bosnian Muslim enclave, UN special human rights envoy Tadeusz

Dec. 14: Intense firefights and heavy shelling left at least 11 civilians dead and more than 20 wounded in Sarajevo today ... "This shelling brings no gain in the military sense," the commander of the UN military force in Bosnia, General Francis Briquemont, said. "I've asked myself many times why it is that the city is shelled."

The leader of the Bosman Serbs, Radovan Karadzic, said on Oct. 9: "The siege of Sarajevo is over." Serbian leaders on Nov. 29 made a solemn undertaking to let aid convoys through. Their promises are lies. Only one thing has ever moved them to ease up on their killing: fear of international reaction. A UN refer spokesman, Ron Nichales estidates and a Nichales estidates. Wilkinson, said on Dec. 10 that the Serbs were treading a fine line — "almost trying to cripple the humanitarian relief effort but not bringing the wrath of the world community down on them."

At every past hint of firm international action, especially by the United States, the Serbs have pulled back. But there is practically nothing for them to fear now. In Europe and the United

States, the appeasers have won.

Or is there still some chance that President Clinton will understand the cost of failing to draw the line at fascism in Serbia now that he must cope with its rise in Russia? And what of the simple human claims? Can Bill Clinton find it easy to read those stories from Bosnia, day after day, and not do or even say a thing?

The New York Times.

A Few Reasons for U.S. Engagement in the Pacific

By Charles R. Larson

Admiral Larson is commander in chief, U.S. Pacific Command.

F ORT H. M. SMITH, Hawaii --Recent events in Somalia and Haiti have elicited a chorus of neoisolationist sentiment in America. The refrain seems to be that the United States has no business "meddling" outside its borders. This siren song of "America first" carries some appeal at home, but the underlying theme that the United States has no signifi-

cant national interests beyond its borders -- is demonstrably false. With the end of the Cold War, and the absence of an overt strategic military threat, America does not have a mandate for retrenchment. What it has is a chance to reap the dividends of a half-century investment in global stability. But to realize those dividends, the United States must be present and must be engaged. Calls for U.S. withdrawal would be ill-advised. The situation on the Korean Peninsula is a case in point.

The most secretive and repressive government in the world seems bent on building nuclear weapons. North Korea bas tried, unsuccessfully, to conceal this effort from the world community. Positioning more than 70 percent of its army within striking distance of the Demilitarized Zone, North Korea proclaims a policy of reunification — by force if necessary -with South Korea, one of America's

Cuba one continues to talk

about "revolution" and about "so-

cialism" as if nothing had changed in the surrounding world. But for you, do these words have the same mean-

ing as then, when you began your

No, they can't have the same

meaning, and for two reasons: first

of all, because we had an ambitious

program then that has now been largely carried out; and second be-

cause the international situation

has changed in a decisive way. We.

bowever, remain committed to our

ideals and to our social and politi-

bloc has dealt us a heavy blow.

Faced with the U.S. blockade, we

were able 10 benefit from trade with

the socialist countries, which repre-

sented a pole of support for the

development of our economy. To-

day the blockade remains in place

but the support is gone, and we are

subjected to one of the harshest tests

A little while ago, before I turned

on the recorder for the interview, I

heard you speak about the United

States with a certain degree of admi-

ration or at least with a certain liking

I have never failed to recognize

the merits of the American people.

One should not forget that the Unit-

ed States was a colony that fought

hard for its independence and at-

tained it. They proclaimed the Dec-laration of Independence and en-

for it. Is that an accurate impression?

ever known in the modern age.

The disappearance of the socialist

odyssey 35 years ago?

cal objectives ...

most steadfast allies. The North has his 9th Infantry Division through nutest-launched the Nodong missile, a merous Korean battle simulations otential nuclear delivery system, to ranges that can target large portions of Japan, another key U.S. ally.

Thus Korea emerges as a litmus test of U.S. strategic resolve. Could things be worse? Absolutely. • Imagine a South Korea and a

Japan without the U.S. nuclear um-brella. Their industrial progress would have been delayed a few quarters, because of their nuclear investment, but these advanced societies could now be armed with nuclear weapons. What decisions would they face as they watched their worrisome northern neighbor? The reality that America faces is more benign: Our allies trust our nuclear guarantee; neither seeks a nuclear capability.

For Castro, New Era and Old Clothes

acted the first modern constitution

Of course, all this was within the

framework of a limited concept of

democracy and freedom. After all,

the Declaration of Independence

stated that all men are created free

and equal [but] slavery was main-

tained in the United States for near-

ly 100 years after that. Which goes to

show that the formal statements of

principle do not always in practice

How many assassination attempts

If there were an Olympic event in this field, I would certainly have won

the gold medal! The Senate in Wash-

ington has acknowledged the exis-

tence of many of these plots. In the

United States they were organizing not only assassination schemes, di-

rected by the CIA, but they also

develop a whole psychological war

against me. They were prepared to

help any enemy of the revolution,

and they always sought to orient

those enemies into devising plans to

eliminate me physically. I have sur-

vived hundreds of assassination at-

tempts ... I have had the privilege

of living like that for the past 30 years, and I am still alive. On some

occasions they were very close to

Since you have been in power, you

have had dealings with eight U.S. presidents. Now there is Bill Clinton, the first to be younger than you.

Things are changing — and perhaps there will be a change in the relations

between the United States and Cuba?

eliminating the.

correspond with the facts.

have you survived in your life?

 Imagine a U.S. military that left East Asia after the Korean War. Would America have a generation of military personnel with detailed knowledge and experience of Korean terrain, tactics and requirements? In reality, Korean experience permeates the U.S. military services — from General John M. Shalikashvili, who as a division commander "fought"

In the following excerpts, Fidel Castro, the Cuban leader, replies to questions from Jas Gawronski, an Italian journalist and member of the European Parliament.

to Sergeant Smith, who knows first hand how to maneuver his squad in the difficult Korean terrain.

 Imagine no U.S. military bases closer than Guam. In a crisis, would Japan and South Korea grant access, or would they be fearful of crisis escalation? In reality, America has forward military bases and multiple access agreements, making for a secure strategic line of communications which ensures that a ton of ammunition is more likely to reach the demilitarized zone from Fort Lewis, Wash-

ington, than from Pyongyang.

There is no doubt that the United States can reinforce its forward presence forces in Korea; it has practiced that task in annual exercises for years. Most importantly, the North Koreans have no doubt of America's

ability to do this. • Imagine a U.S. State Department without military attachés in Beijing, Tokyo or Moscow. Would Washing-ton understand their military capabilities? Could it guess their attitude to-ward sanctions? Fortunately, America has diplomatic and military contacts

All American presidents in their first term spend their time thinking

about their second one as their pri-

mary objective. During the first

one, they are very cautious and

wary about taking new initiatives.

For all these reasons, for the mo-

ment there are no negotiations go-

ing on to improve relations, except

for secondary matters such as the

question of immigration.
What I can state — and it's simply

my opinion -- is that Clinton is not a

warmongering president, but a man

of peace, a man who wants to do

You seem to be saying that for

there to be an improvement in rela-tions with the United States it will be

necessary to wait for President Clin-

For now, Clinton seems to be focused on his electoral promises and on the domestic problems of the United States. Besides, let's be

trank about this: we are a small

country, we are not China, and I don't think that the United States is

particularly concerned about Cuba.

They have other problems which

I would like you to satisfy a curiosiy of mine. Why do you wear that guerrilla uniform? The heroic days of the Sierra Maestra are long gone.

These are my clothes. I've worn

them all my life, they are comfort-

able and simple, they cost little,

they never go out of style. I also

have another outfit, more formal

with tie. But excuse me if I ask you a

question: When you interviewed the Pope, did you ask him why it is that

he always wears that white outfit?

they regard as more important.

ion to be re-elected

things for the American people.

with every strategic player except North Korea, lending a valuable per-spective on the capabilities and intentions of regional decision makers. Not to play down the seriousness

of the Korean situation, but things could be worse. They are not worse because America has maintained its Asian presence and cooperatively engaged the nations of this area for the pest several decades.

The post-Cold War imperative for continued presence and engagement is only increasing. More than ever before, the United States' economic and democratic vital interests are intertwined with those of its Pacific neighbors. Economic statistics are compelling: the size and growth rate of Asian economies; the dominance of U.S.-Asian trade; the 2.5 million Asian-export U.S. jobs; exceptional savings rates and capital reserves in Asia, as well as Asian investments in

U.S. companies and properties. Democratic vital interests are equally compelling: democracies rarchy declare war on each other, traffic in drugs, produce refugees or insurgencies, or support terrorism. They do support free market economies, the kind where the United States can effectively compete.

The United States has recognized this convergence of economic and democratic interests for years, across numerous administrations. Why should America do this? What's in it for us? Nothing less than

an opportunity to shape the future we share with our Pacific partners. And as partners, none of us can walk away from the challenge on the Korean Peninsula. But only one of us has an option to lead. As an American at the dawn of the Pacific Century, I can't imagine it being any other way.
Will the United states and its allies

succeed in Korea? That answer lies in the future. But we know that the foundations for any future success were built in the past through years of presence and engagement in the Pacific. Disengage? It's not really an option.

A Success In Helping The Poor

By Jessica Mathews

NEW YORK — Mohammed Yunns is an academic turned banker in Bangladesh who has turned the most sacred rules of the profession unside down and made himself a frequently mentioned Nobel Prize candidate in the process. He did not plan it that way. Twenty years ago, Mr. Yunns was simply moved to try to help the abject poor who lived near the university where he taught economics. He approached local banks convinced that what these people most needed was simply a tiny amount of money, as little as \$1 per person. The reception was not warm. Finally, Mr. Yunus took out the loans husself, despite warnings that the recipients were so poor and the amounts so small that "they'll just ear it up." Still, the scheme worked. The loans were repaid. Soon lie expanded to several villages, then to the whole district and later to five districts.

But the bankers still could not be convinced that Mr. Yunus's vision was sound and would not lend to his bor-rowers directly. Nothing, he conclud-ed, would convince them. He would have to set up his own bank. After three years spent securing government support, the Grameen ("rural" in Ben-gali) Bank was created in 1983.

Today, Grameen Bank has more than 1,000 branches and 1.6 million borrowers in 34,000 villages in Bangladesh, ft lends \$30 million per month and enjoys a loan recovery rate of 97 percent. It charges 20 percent interest with a one-year repayment require-ment, yet the had debt on its books is

less than one-half of 1 percent.

Mr. Yunus saw the banking system as anti-poor, anti-illiterate and anti-women, and set out to reverse all women, and set our to reverse all three. He changed normal practice from "the more you have the more you can borrow," to the "the less you have, the higher your priority." His bank would lend only to the poorest of the rural poor, and half of them must be women: The loan officer's job is not to be convinced of the borrower's creditworthiness, but to convince the borrower's treditworthiness, but to convince the borrower that she can ise money to improve ber life.

Banking with Grameen is no pic-ic. To build commitment and provide community support, the pro-spective client must find five friends to borrow with. Initial loans are \$10 to \$20. Average loans are \$100. The interest rate is high, the repayment time short, and there is a mandatory savings requirement. Yet 48 percent of those who have borrowed from the bank for 10 years have crossed the poverty line. Another 27 percent have come close. The remainder have not been helped, usually because chronic

ill health erodes any progress. Experience showed that the payoff from loans to men often did not find its way back to their wives and children. The benefit to whole families was much more reliable when the borrower was a woman. In spite of enormous tensions in borrowers marriages in a culture where women have few economic rights, today nearly all borrowers are women.

Scattered around the world are thousands, perhaps tens of thousands, of small success stories like Mr. Yunus's program was 10 years ago. The significance of Grameen Bank is that it is one of a handful that has been able to grow. It uses a franchise-like system. New staff serve a lengthy apprenticeship. Branches borrow from headquarters at 12 percent and lend at 20 percent. With that 8 percent spread they have to become profitable. The main bank's only need for concessional funds is to fuel expansion.

Mr. Yunus wants to see his program spread around the world. There are no special conditions in Bangladesh, he thinks, that make the idea applicable there and not elsewhere. If anything, Bangladesh should be the acid test. Income is very low. Fertility, malnutrition, illiteracy and gender inequality are high. The communications infrastructure is poor to nonexistent.

Mr. Yunus's dream is a Grameen Trust of \$100 million to capitalize replicas of the system in dozens of other countries: a little World Bank for people. Within the past few weeks, the U.S. Agency for International Development and the World Bank have each pledged \$2 million— a small but hopeful beginning.

In Mr. Yunus's view, bankers' notions of "bankability" and "creditworthiness" unwittingly create a caste system that locks poor people into poverty. If he is correct, and if his bank can be replicated else-where, he may have found a spark to revolutionary change.

The writer, a fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations, contributed this com-ment to The Washington Post.

International Herald Tribune.

IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1893: Love's Labor Lost LONDON - A curious action heard in the Queen's Bench yesterday [Dec.

20] was that brought by Lady Mabel Lievier to recover possession of let-ters written by her to Mr. Crosbie during their engagement. It had last-ed from February to September, 1892, but Lady Mabel came to the conclusion that Mr. Crosbie wanted to marry her for her money. She broke with him, and returned him his letters. Society had published imputations upon Mr. Crosbie, based on a conversation her ladyship had had with the editor. Mr. Justice Hawkins said he thought it competent for the defendant to keep the letters.

1918: Wilson's Itinerary PARIS - All arrangements for the

President's trip to the front have been almost completed. He will leave for Chaumont next Tuesday [Dec. 24] morning, spend the night at Nancy and return to Paris for a

family Christmas dinner on Christmas night. On Thursday morning he will leave for a visit of three or four days to England, where he will be the King's guest at Buckingham Pal-ace, his Majesty having renounced his intention of passing the holidays at Sandringham in order to be able to welcome the President.

1943: Arawe Captured ADVANCED ALLIED HEAD-

QUARTERS, New Guinea -- From our New York edition: American troops captured the Arawe air strip in southwestern New Britain Sunday [Dec. 29], General Douglas MacArthur announced today in a communique. It had apparently not been used for months by the Japanese. The Americans captured it in an advance six miles east of Cape Merkus, where they landed Wednesday, Allied places dropped a record 414 tons of bombs on the enemy's air installations at Cape Gloucester, New Britain, also on Sunday.

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Yeltsin: Take It From Me, It Was My Kind of Election

By William Safire

M OSCOW — The referendum and elections worked out as I had planned: I, Bonis Yeltsin, am now the most powerful Kremlin leader since Yuri Andropov, and — at the same time — I am the only hope of the Western world.

Not air easy combination to bring about First I had to show my democratic reformers — mostly intellectuals who think me a brave simpleton — how de-

pendent on me they are. That was why I refused to endorse any of them, speaking out only for the constitution that gives me the whip hand over parliament. In the final week, with

My new villain says nothing disrespectful about me. Instead, he frightens everybody into my embrace.

unpublished polls showing reformers losing, they begged me to denounce Vladimir Zhirmovsky.

But that would not have served my

purpose. Mr. Zhirinovsky was the only one campaigning for my new constitution, because he wants central power, too; without his support, we would nev-

er have reached 50 percent.

He also helped me humiliate my democratic opposition. Grigori Yavlinsky is now my only respectable op-ponent for president. When I fire some reformers from my government, Yegor Gaidar will probably make him speak-er of the parliament.

Mr. Yaviinsky could be a problem in 1996. That's why the man I put in charge of television sabotaged his campaign: First, the group picture I took with all the candidates showed Mr. Zhirinovsky

prominently at my right hand and Mr Yavlinsky half-hidden — and Russians know from the old May Day parades how to read a picture.

Then, when Mr. Yavimsky med to buy prime time on television in the final week, my man told him it had all been sold to Mr. Zhirinovsky. For even the worst time, Mr. Yavimsky had to pay cash in advance — while Mr. Zhirinovsky was allowed to buy on credit.

Finally, we aired a documentary about Mr. Zhirinovsky on Election Eve. - free. The Ostankino board thinks it's a scandal, so I fired my director after the election to sever any link to me. So much for the reformers; Mr. Gai-

dar's Russia's Choice party leaders must remain silent because most of them work for me. Mr. Yavlinsky will cry foul,

but it will sound like som grapes.

And now to my real triumph: the creation of the anti-Yeltsin, the foil I need to keep the Russian people and the West belind me.

I have always been at my best in

kovo, or "who against whom." First, I was against Mikhail Gorbachev; then against the Communist parliament. Now I will have a new villain; Vladimir (Adolfovich) Zhninovsky.

1 do not call him fascist, of course. I

am like the American Eisenhower with Senator McCarthy, never engaging in personalities. Instead, my man Andrei Kozyrev calls Mr. Zhirmovsky a potential Hitler, and urges reformers to unite with Communists behind me to stop this terrible man. Vice President Al Gore tail, as a leader must be - comes out of a meeting with me and, as we agreed, denounces Mr. Zhirinovsky's views as "reprehensible, anathema."

Let others attack him; I say nothing Notice how, in return, my new villain says nothing disrespectful about me. Instead, he frightens everybody into my embrace. I want to run against Mr. Zhirmovsky

just as John Kennedy wanted to run against Barry Goldwater. I want the revanchist to keep making headlines until 1996; then I will crush him with "Zhir-inovsky means war." The KGB dossier on him - Jewish, bisexual, mental patient for two years - will do the rest.
In the meantime, the unpopular reformers and the International Monetary Fund bankers must become, as Mr. Kozyrev and Mr. Gore say, "sensitive to the social impact of reform" — more therapy, less shock.

Who can complain about a benevolent dictator when the alternative is a beat the wild man. And the more the crazy dictator? Notice how all those re-



minders about my promise to run for the presidency next June have stopped; now they beg me to run only when my term expires in 1996. Nothing will bring in aid faster than the fear of "who lost Russia?"

There are risks. I take medication for my back all the time and for my mind occasion - and if I left the scene I cannot be sure Mr. Yavlinsky could West demonizes Mr. Zhirinovsky, the

more his followers will lionize him. Rut my abandonment of the reformers worked. I have taken off the Western pressure to privatize our economy. and can move to the popular middle: I have concentrated constitutional power in my own hands; I have helped create a beatsble bogeyman to make

This was a very good election.

me indispensable.

Thinking of Taking the Elevator?

N EW YORK — On an elevator 1 watch the numbers over the door as they light up or I examine the shoes of other passengers. If the elevator license is posted, I read that. If the elevator is full, I try to estimate how close we are to the posted weight limit. If we are packed in tight, I imagine what it would be like to spend the next few hours together.

An elevator is a box on a string. A delicate mechanism. Some are ancient; you hear chains clanking and wonder: "If it plunged 20 stories to the basement, would I stand a better chance of survival if I jumped up in the air just before it hit bottom?" This makes sense, doesn't it?

Elevators don't come with written guarantees. But some come with telephones for emergency use, not a reassur-ing thought to those of us with extensive telephone experience in New York City. It is easy to imagine dialing the number and getting a guy who says: "Huh? What? Stuck? Where? Where's that? I domo. You betta talk to Buddy about that. He ain't here now. I donno. I'll have him call you. What's your number?"

Often, riding elderly elevators grinding and whining up the mine shafts of New York. I have asked myself, "Is it perhaps more common than i think that in this city an elevator stops without warning between floors and hangs there for two or three or six or 10 hours while the occupants sit like rats in a coffee can and try to keep panic at bay?"
Yes, probably it is. New York journal-

ists have more to do than record small disasters — "6 Sweat for 2 Hours in Trapped Elevator; 'I Was Afraid This Might Happen, Says Man. 51" - and so, yes, probably it happens all the time. For the trappee, it would not be a

ticed in some societies, at a meeting of

the United Nations Commission on Hu-

man Rights. As Fellowship representa-

tives at the United Nations in Geneva,

we shall bring it up again in February. It

is time for the international organization

to take a firm position on an issue that

has been under study in the United Nations since the late 1970s.

Measures of a legal nature can be taken

only at the national level, as has been

done in France, Switzerland and Sweden.

Governments in most African and Mid-

By Garrison Keillor

small disaster though. It would be hig. perhaps the sort that makes a guy quit his joh and move to Vermont and dip

candles for a living.

The elevator suddenly lurches, stops, the lights go out, there is a faint odor of hurning electronics and each one of ns thinks: "I am not here and this is not happening to me." But we are here, me, the messenger, the ladies in tweed suits, the three hairy brutes with briefcases, the sensitive guy in sneakers, the girl with the big rhinestone hairclip and the mouth hreather behind me.

It is pitch black. Someone says, "Ev-

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erybody just stay calm" in a weird little voice. Oh. boy. We perspire; we start to smell bad. Wasn't there an article in the paper a couple of weeks ago that said one out of eight Americans is mentally unbalanced? Assuming all of these folks are Americans, which one is going to snap and will be snap quietly, or will there be a flailing and foaming? Will 1 have to get him in a sleeper hold and wrestle him into submission? If he sues me for causing him mental anguish, would my homeowner's insurance policy cover it?

I sit quietly in the corner and retrace those fateful steps that led me to take this exact elevator. Why didn't 1 duck m to the coffee shop as I was just about

to do and grab a buttered hage!?

1 was going to, but then I thought:

Nope, I'm two minutes late for the meeting and I don't want to alienate those folks now with my career going

this elevator. Now I am huddled here with eight panicky people listening to acetylene torches cutting through steel

beams a few inches away.

When the rescuers finally tear a hole in the door with crowbars and we crawl to safety, dusty and smelling like old camels, do you think they'll write out a slip for me, saying: "Please excuse Mr. Keillor for being tardy. He was trapped in an elevator? No, I'll have to tell everyone myself and though they say,"Oh, that must have been terrible for you," secretly they don't beheve me.
"By the way," they will add, "we decided at the meeting that you're under a lot of stress right now which is affecting your personal charm, which is your main

When I tell friends, "I was trapped in an elevator recently and as a result I am not the same guy," they say things like, "I have always been afraid of that myself."

They don't realize that it actually hap-

They don't realize that it actually hanpened to me and in a couple months, when my career bottoms out and 1 sell my apartment, change my hairstyle, move to Paris with a young actress, embrace the Catholic Church and father three children, my friends will never connect all that to the terrible stress of the elevator experience. They will say,

Well, men his age do that sometimes."
In the city of New York, you go out your donr in the morning, you take your life in your hands. You may not get off an elevator the same person you got on as. Choose your elevator wisely.

Mr. Keillor is the author, most recently, of "A Book of Guys." He contributed this

unent to The New York Times.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Rushdie's Lingering Saga

In response to "Here and There, the Righteous Don't Like to Learn" (Opinion, Dec. 7) by William Pfaff:

Salman Rushdie's ongoing campaign to drum up outrage against his death sentence is not just "understandable." as Mr. Pfaff is willing to allow, it is essential. For unless it gets results, it will be increasingly uncomfortable for many to "get on with their writing." Any writer could be in Mr. Rushdie's position tomorrow. He deserves a lot more support than he is getting.

TOM STORER

Decriminalizing Drugs

Regarding "Giving In Won's Make Drugs Go Away" (Opinion, Dec. 11):

A. M. Rosenthal damnis legalization as "callous to the point of crucity," but fails to address the callousness of a system that thrives on entrapment, incarceration and I have always been at my best in very long waiting lists for help and thera-confrontation. Lemin had a saying: Kao py. He also claims that legalization won't work, but doesn't say why, other than to assert that the idea is based on "ignorance

or distortion of drug realities."

How about making narcotics a prescription item, only available to certified addicts? It would be pointless for sellers to hook new clients since, once hooked, they would have an alternative, cheap supplier. Only a little imagination is required to come up with countless other ways of removing the criminality from drugs without encouraging their use.

JOHN LOWRY. Nyon, Switzerland.

A Different Travel Tale Everyone has tales of woe about trav-

el. But I have a story so beautiful that even I find it hard to believe. On Oct. 21, I dropped my wallet on the street in Paris. It was cold and late afternoon, just getting dark, and I didn't notice that my purse was open. It wasn't until late that night that I realized it was gone. The next morning I reported the loss to the police, filled out a form, and that was that. My wallet had no cash in

it, but for me it was my life: my driver's license, credit cards, date book, address-es and telephone numbers, Social Security card, medical insurance cards, and, most precious of all, a note that my mother wrote me the morning of the day she died, absolutely irreplaceable. I felt that if someone kind found my wallet, it would be turned in to the police, but I knew that most people would just toss it

into the garbage.

1 left for ftaly that day. On my return to New York, I received a package from Paris with my wallet in it. The blessed person who sent it must have picked my wallet up and immediately taken it to the post office. There was no return address, nothing in any way to let me know who did this wonderful thing. My gratitude is overwhelming.

PATRICIA KONECKY. New York.

A Custom to Be Banned Last March, the International Fellowship of Reconciliation raised the serious issue of sexual mutilation being prac-

children — being added each year. Nongovernmental organizations play

an active role in seeking the abolition of these non-Koranic practices, which are actually pre-Islamic customs that became prevalent in places where Islam later spread. There is no religious justification for these "traditional practices." which are maintained only out of fear

with some 2 million — mainly habies or

and ignorance. Unfortunately, a 1981 fatwa, or decree, by the Grand Sheikh of Al Azhar referred to traditional Islamic law, which considers circumcision for male children an obligation and excision for female children a "recommendation," thus placing a heavy responsibility on traditionalist parents.

RENE WADLOW, DAVID LITTMAN.

Pensioners to the Rescue? dle Eastern states where the practice is widespread are too weak or too divided

In response to "Europe's Ailing Pensions' (Dec. 4) by Erik Ipsen:

on the matter to pass legislation. Estimates of the number of women Many of today's retirees could do who have suffered from this practice range from 100 million to 200 million. with a lot less than the amount they currently receive in pensions and retirement bonuses. Times are tough, will get tougher, and we should all share the burden. We should cut back benefits to a level sustainable over the coming decades in a manner that provides equitable support for all generations - not just those who got to retirement first.

CHARLES BODWELL.

Power of the Press

In response to "Who Stole the News." (Books, Nov. 25) by Mark Hertsgaard: At issue is a press that has an inflated view of its power and moral authority. Members of the press need to believe that they can shape the course of history by telling us what they think we need to hear. Sorry, hut there are plenty of other ways to get international news, with yet more to come. Today, power is in the hands of media consumers and no longer in the hands of editors, newswriters and television newsreaders

CHARLES P. ANDERSON.

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Who's That Whining?

William Safire's opinion column "A Whining Clinton and Two Others" (Nov. 23) is an excellent example of the adage that one criticizes and ascribes to others faults that are actually one's own. It is Mr. Safire who is doing the whining. not President Bill Clinton.

MARIAN G. KUHNS. Bembridge, Isle of Wight, England.

BOOKS

FRANCIS BACON:

By Andrew Sinclair, Illustrated. 354 pages. \$30. Crown Publish-

Reviewed by Michiko Kakutani

THE images created by Francis Bacon are shocking ones, visceral, contorted, often horrific: Human beings metamorphosing into demonic birds and dogs, their bodies twisted unmercifully into grimaces of pain. Shricking popes. imprisoned in golden cages, unleashing primal screams upon a world incapable of hearing. Copu-lating men withing on a bed, their fat, pink limbs melting together in a desperate, meaty embrace. Ragged, butchered carcasses dangling

from a ceiling, leaking blood onto a aghoulish man in a sun In such images can be read the horrors of our century: the devastation of two world wars, the crimes of Hitler and Stalin, the terrors of the atom bomb, the dislocations of

a world shorn of its illusions. As Bacon once observed, his ambition was to paint "the History of Europe in my lifetime." "I think of myself," he said, "as a kind of pul-verizing machine into which every-thing I look at and feel is fed."

In "Francis Bacon: His Life and Violent Times," the writer and social historian Andrew Sinclair attempts both to chronicle the paint- con's portraits in which "distorted

WHAT THEY'RE READING

· William D. Montalbana, the Rome bureau chief of the Los Angeles Times, is reading "The Culture of Complaint: The Fraying of America" by Robert Hughes.

Hughes writes with an adopted son's passion of a society so enmeshed in self-consuming cop-out triviality that it is unable to come to terms either with its own fraying social and political fabric, or a world wracked by epochal change."
(Barry James, IHT)



er's life and to situate his work

within a historical context: Though the volume relies heavily at times on earlier books (including David Sylvester's fascinating "Interviews With Francis Bacon" and John Russell's "Francis Bacon"), it also draws upon the author's own talks with the painter, and it succeeds in giving the reader a vivid sense of both Bacon's maturation as a painter and the ways in which

his work was shaped by his times. Although Bacon was born to a wealthy Irish family — he was a collateral descendant of his name sake, the famous Elizabethan philosopher -his childhood was rootless and fearful, indelibly shaped by the World War I bombardments of London and the countryside

atrocities of the Irish civil war. Sinclair argues that the blackouts, which shrouded daily life in ominous, marky shadows, informed Ba-

figures would emerge from a fearful night, as sudden and grotesque as the strangers glimpsed in the dim streets" of wartime London.

Bacon's willful flouting of authority - mirrored in his fierce deconstructionist portraits of popes, dictators and be roots in his childhood. According to Sinclair, it was a reaction to the religious authorities, both Protestant and Catholic, who seemed to have condemned Ireland to bloodshed, and to Bacon's censorious father, who regarded him as a weak, asthmatic sixsy and who banished him from the house at the age of 16. With an allowance of £3 a week,

the young Bacon began a peripatetic life in London, moving from one rented room to another, until a distant relative took him on a trip to

There, in the waning days of the Weimar Republic, Bacon was introduced to a sexually licentious life-

style and to the work of artists who would indelibly shape his own vi-sion. From Edvard Munch and the German Expressionists. Sinclain notes, Bacon would learn about the iconography of emotional violence; from Otto Dix, Christian Schad and other practitioners of New Objectivity, he would learn the value of precision and detachment. Paris, the next stop on Bacon's

youthful odyssey, provided another set of influences: Picasso and his Cubist reassemblings of the human body, and the Surrealists, with their emphasis on instinct and the unconscious. It was also in Paris that Bacon came to appreciate the cine-matic genius of Eisenstein and and value the art of photography (he would base many of his later paintings on Eadweard Muybridge's action shots of ani-

mals and people in motion).

Throughout this book, Sinclair doggedly traces the autobiographi-cal impulse in Bacon's work. He does a nimble joh of explicating the many influences on his work, from Goya and Velazquez to Aeschylus and T.S. Eliot, and he also provides an ample supply of colorful anecdotes illustrating the painter's rancous, bohemian life. We are told about Bacon's taste for raffish, lower-class lovers, his penchant for

gambling and his almost complete disregard for money. Along the way, a lot of adjectives are offered up to describe Bacon; generous, chameleonlike, waspish ssionate and reckless. We're also iold that he was a dandy, an exiscentialist and a nibilist.

really conjures up a full picture of the man; as far as this volume is concerned, Bacon, who died in 1992 at the age of 82, remains a slippery, mercurial figure, cluding re in the biographer's cage. lt is in evoking Bacon's tumultu-

None of these words, however

ous times and tracing the conjunc tions between the painter's work and world that Sinclair is most convincing. Indeed, he makes a powerful case in these pages for regarding Bacon as a representative artist of the violent and disordered modern

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CHESS

By Robert Byrne

The Enhance Financial Services
Chess Challenge, staged Oct.4
to 13 at the Marshall Chess Chib in Manhattan, finished in a rousing triumph for Maurice Ashley, a 27year-old Brooklyn international

Ashley showed his tectical skill against Alexander Shabalov in Round 8 on Oct. 11.

Late in the 19th century, the exchange with 3d ed ed was discarded as a sterile weapon against the French Defense, but currently some players are trying to get something out of breaking the symmetry with 4 c4. It is quite acceptable for Black to defend quietly, after 4...Ni6 5 Nc3, with 5...Be?, but Shabalov is a hyperaggressive player, as he revealed by counterattacking with 5_Bb4 6 Bd3 c5.

in this type of situation, where the center pawns are bound to he exchanged off, the advantage will go to the one whose pieces gain the resulting dominating positions. Thus, on 7 Ngc2 Nc6 8 cd Nd5 9 dc, the direct 9. O-O 10 O-O Nc3 11 No3 Bos would prove to be disastrous after 12 Bh7 Kh7 13 Qh5



Position after 17 . . . Qc4

tempt to here White to weaken the g1/a7 diagonal with 10 f3, but Ash-ley was willing to take him up on the complications arising from 10

O-O!? Bc3 11 bc Nc3 12 Qc2.
On 12_Bc2, Ashley could not recapture with 13 Bc2? because 13_Nd4 wins a piece. But his 13 Rel solved the problem. Shabalov could not get his king into safety with 13_O-O? because 14 Bh7! Kh8 15 Qc3 wins a pawn for White. Shabalov plunged in with 13 Qd4 I4 Bb2 O-O-O getting his king out of the center just in time.

Of course, he had to return the piece after 15 Bf5 and 16 Bc3. But why did he defend against the check with 15 Kc77 instead of heading for safer shelter with 15. Kb8? Ashley quickly pounced on the zror. After 16 Be3 Bd3 17 Qc1!,

Shabalov could not capture a pawn with 17_Qc5 because of 18 Bc5 Kb6 19 Bc7! Kb5 20 a4 Kb4 21 Qb2 Kc4 22 Rac1 Kd5 23 Re5 Ne5 24 Oct Kc6 25 Rc5 mate. So he tried 17...Qc4, but Ashley scored an annihilating shot with 18 Re4! There was no defense. On 18...Be4, there would have come 19

)f4 Ne5 20 Qe5 Kc6 21 Bc4 Kb5

FRENCH DEFENSE

22 Rb1 Ka4 23 Bc2 Ka3 24-c6 b5 25 Qc7 b4 26 Qa7. Shabalov played 18...Nd4, but after 19 Qf4 Kc6 20 Bd4 Rd5 21 Bg7 Qc5 22 RcI, be took the easy way out and gave up.

12 Qc2 13 Rei 14 8h2 15 Br5 16 Br3 17 Qc1 18 Res 19 Qf4 20 Bd4 21 Bg7 22 Rc1

China Holds a Key In North Korea Rift

Beijing Appears to Rule Out Sanctions in Nuclear Dispute

By Michael Richardson

SINGAPORE - As pressure from the United States and South Korea for an international emhargo against North Korea increased Monday, analysts said China appeared unlikely to back such a

They said that Beijing's refusal to support United Nations economic sanctions, particularly an oil emhargo, against its close neighbor and nominal ally would doom the attempt to failure and allow North Korea to continue its clandestine

nuclear program.

The United States is considering sanctions as a possible instrument in an attempt to persuade North Korea to open its nuclear installa-tions to thorough inspection by the

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United Nations. Imposing sanc-tions would require backing from China, which has veto power as one of the five permanent members of

the UN Security Council.
"I don't think we can really count on China's influence," said Masashi Nishihara, director of research at the National Institute for

Defense Studies in Tokyo. He said Beijing had evidently concluded that North Korea could not develop a nuclear bomh in the near future.

But Beijing was also worried that if sanctions were effective and the North Korean economy collapsed, there would be a flood of Korean refugees into China. Mr. Nishihara

Since Russia cut off oil supplies in 1991, two thirds of North Korea's petroleum needs have been

provided by China. At issue in the current dispute is North Korea's refusal to allow UN inspections to verify that the North is honoring a treaty commitment

not to develop nuclear arms. The United States has taken the lead in trying to negoriate a way out of the impasse. But on Monday, the South Korean news agency

Yonhap said Seoul and Washing-ton will not make any further concessions to Pyongyang and may push for sanctions to force the

During a meeting at the UN on Monday, North Korea delivered a formal response to the latest U.S. proposals, but details of it were not immediately disclosed

In a meeting with North Korean officials on Dec. 10, the U.S. offered to cancel a major military exercise held each year in South aid and diplomatic recogninon of the North.

This was on the condition that Pyongyang allow full inspection of its nuclear facilities and reopen a continuous dialogue with South Korea over an earlier pact to denuclearize the peninsula.

The U.S. will press for a UN oil embargo against North Korea if further talks fail to persuade it to comply with anti-nuclear agree-ments, Thomas F. (Mack) McLarty, the White House chief of staff, said Sunday on American

tary of state for East Asian and Pacific Affairs, said recently that Beijing had been helpful in using its influence on North Korea over the

The fact is that China has a reat self-interest in making sure that the Korean Peninsula does not become infested with nuclear weapons," he said. "If that hap-pens, it's a threat over time to China itself. That could cause Japan to

Mr. Lord, a former ambassador to China, said Beijing had been doing everything it can to discourage this from happening. They do counsel us to be patient in our diplomacy. We are patient, but time is running out.

However, Asian analysts said Monday that China would likely refuse to cut off oil and other economic supplies to North Korea.



LET A HUNDRED CANDLES BURN — The unveiled statute of Mao Zedong in Shaoshan, Hunan Province, his birthplace. Mao, who died in 1976, would have been 100 next Sanday.

tralian National University in Canberra, said China's room to maneuver was limited hy its strong support for the principle of nonin-terference in the internal affairs of other countries - a principle that China depended upon to defend itself against U.S. and other Westem states' criticism of its record on human rights and democracy.

Since the Chinese apply the Kevin Clements, head of the noninterference rule so strictly in Peace Research Center at the Aus- self-defense, they can hardly go

should have." he said.

Derek da Cimha, a fellow in the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies in Singapore, said Beijing had also "undercut its own diplomacy" by breaking an informal moratorium on weapons testing by the nu-clear powers when it carried out a test in October.

"So the North Koreans are un-

telling North Korea what kind of attempts to persuade them to desist from going down the nuclear road," he said,

Nonetheless, Bntros Butros Ghali, the UN secretary-general, said in Tokyo on Monday that he was optimistic that Pyongyang would agree to a negotiated solution of the nuclear issue.

He will be the first UN chief since 1979 to visit North Korea. He travels to South Korea on Wedneslikely to be impressed by Chinese day and to the North on Friday.

Sinn Fein Demands Release Of All Imprisoned IRA Rebels

By Eugene Robinson

LONDON - The leader of the Irish Republican Army's political unit said Monday that all "political prisoners" must be released as part of a peace deal in Northern Ireland -something Britain has said it will

"A negotiated settlement will remove the symptoms as well as the causes of the conflict," said Gerry Adams, head of Sinn Fem, the IRA's political arm. "As part of this it is obvious that all prisoners must be

If Mr. Adams makes that a firm demand, prospects for a Northern Ireland peace agreement may dim. Prime Minister John Major has said repeatedly that there are no political prisoners in British jails, only crimmals. He has vowed there will be no amnesty for captured IRA gummen and bombers.

Protestant unionist leaders reacted sharply, saying

that any talk of amnesty might make them withdraw their cantious support for the joint declaration on Northern Ireland issued last week by Mr. Major and the Irish prime minister, Albert Reynolds.

The IRA has waged a 25-year campaign to drive the British out of Northern Ireland and join with the Irish Republic. Unionists, who constitute a majority, favor remaining part of Britain. After more than 3,000 deaths and billions of dollars' worth of damage, the initiative launched by Mr. Major and Mr. Reynolds jailed in Northern Ireland.

last week was hailed as potentially the best chance for

peace in years.

The IRA has said it is studying the declaration; in which the two leaders offered Sinn Fein a seat at the bargaining table within three months if it renounced

violence. Unionist paramilitary groups have also said they will study the initiative. The issue of prisoners grose this weekend when Mr. Reynolds himted that an amnesty was among the "areas for discussion" once a halt to violence had been achieved. British officials immediately demed that any amnesty was under discussion. But then Mr. Adams made his statement, crediting Mr. Reynolds with hav-

ing raised the issue. Kenneth Maginnis, security spokesman for the Ul-ster Unionist Party — the voice of moderate unionists in Northern Ireland — responded with a threat to withdraw the party's "tentative approval" of the peace

He blamed Mr. Reynolds for his "unnecessary and nhelpful" remarks that amounted to "almost enticing Mr. Adams to make this sort of demand, which

tamiy cannot be met." At issue, according to Sinn Fein, are more than more than 500 convicted IRA members in Northern Ireland jails, about 150 more awaiting trial and around 30 others incarcerated in Britain. There are also believed to be several hundred unionist paramilitaries

'Red Menace?' or 'New Left?' Italy's Former Communists Walk on Tiptoes

By Alan Cowell

New York Times Service ROME - It is sometimes said that Achille Occhetto, the leader of Italy's former Communists, is indecisive. These days, as he contemplates a twist of fortune that may turn him into his country's next prime minister, it might be more accurate to say that it is not yet the me to make up his mind.

Slouched in a black leather armchair at offices that once represent-ed the closest Western Europe came to its own Red Menace, Mr. Occhetto casts himself these days as the rallying point of what he terms "the New Left," an ill-de-fined amalgam of social benevolence and market forces, free enterprise and environmental concerns that captured a yearning for renew-

elections this month. With municipalities from Naples to Venice now run by leftist-backed figures, the challenge facing Mr. Occhetto is to translate a local vote into a national consensus that will fill the vacuum left by the disgrace of Italy's former political chite in the country's huge corruption scan-

in the current swirl of Italy's politics, where eddies of corruption compete with shoals of conspiracy to capsize most gnessing about the future, his noncommittal tactics may turn out to be just as appropriate as the bluster and bravura of his rightist adversaries.

If his strategy succeeds, it will mean that, after decades in opposinion, the country's former Commu-nists will finally take power just when the country is confronting its worst postwar economie and political crisis - another cause for Mr. Occhetto's circumspection.

Recent opinion surveys indicate that some two-thirds of Italians beieve that his party — the Demo-cratic Party of the Left, as the former Communist Party is now known - will play the central role in a new government that many reform-minded politicians want to be formed next March. But when from con

asked if Mr. Occhetto should lead ogy had already moved progres-that government, some 58 percent sively away from ties to the East

"I think it's a positive sign that, in Burope, people can think it would not be scandalous for me to be prime minister," Mr. Occhetto, 57, said in an interview.

But personally, I think that if it's better to choose someone else to broaden the alliance, we can choose someone else to be a candidate for prime minister," he said.

Such equivocation seems to re-flect a desire to avoid alienating possible allies who might join the leftist coalition against the emergent and divided right, which includes Umberto Bossi of the Northern League, who has labeled Mr. Occhetto a "lap dog," and the neofascist leader, Gianfranco Fini. Such permutations have arisen

al in the Italian spirit in mayoral from the collapse of Italy's traditional center of gravity — the Christian Democrats, the Socialists and their allies - because of the gations into billion-dollar kickbacks paid by businessmen to Mr. Occhetto himself spent two

hours with the Milan investigators this month, not, he insisted, because there were any charges against him, but because he wished to rebut charges made by the former leader of the Socialists, Bettino Craxi, who is one of the most prominent of the 3,000 people implicated in the scandal. With the exception of a few

specific cases, we were not involved in Tangentopoli," Mr. Occhetto said, referring to the scandal by its as "bribe city."

Not everyone accepts that account. Mr. Craxi told a court Friday that the Communist Party became the biggest of its kind in Western Europe through illicit fi-nancing from the Soviet Union —a matter that magistrates have ap-parently not explored and that the

With victory in the mayoral vote, Mr. Occhetto said, he has been vindicated in leading his party away from communism, though its ideol-

long before the fall of the Berlin Wall

With the party on a sudden roll, and with Italian politics fixated on the notion of honesty in government affairs, Mr. Occhetto is pressing for two things to happen quick-ly — national elections and trials for those implicated in the corruption scandal "to get out of this buge

national mightmare." Italy's Parliament, elected in April 1992 before the full extent of Tangentopoli" became known, is ominated by a coalition of the same parties that have been discredited by the scandal. Many of the lawmakers will probably face prosecution once they lose their parliamentary immunity.

His proposal is that, as soon 29 Parliament gives final approval to a belt-tightening 1994 budget this week, it be dissolved to open the way for an election under a new, majority voting system that is supposed to make each candidate more eccentable to the voters in his

The thrust of a conversation with him is that he wants to assure forcigners and foreign markets as much as he does the Italian voters. that the party has fundamentally changed.

That presents something of a quandary, requiring him to weigh market pressures against more hu-mane considerations. If he took power, Mr. Occhetto said, he would pursue goals like privatization of seeking to offset layoffs and other consequences affecting the workers

Most of all, Mr. Occhetto seemed to emphasize that any ties with the old Soviet way of communism were long past.

When the Berlin Wall finally fell

in 1989, he said, "things were nging not only in the East but in

"And it was not possible to enter this new phase with a party that was tied to the past."

God's Place **Debated** In Germany

BONN - German politicians argued over God's place in the country's constitution on Monday after Chancellor Helmat Kohl's Christian Democrats accused a pofitical opponent of wanting the name deleted.

The line in the preamble to the text says that Germans adopted their constitution "conscious of their responsibility before God and

Günter Verheugen, party man-ager of the opposition Social Democrats, came under fire not only from the Christian Democrats but also from his own ranks for making the suggestion in a newspaper article. The attacks prompted Mr. Verheugen to deny later that he was pushing for the change to be made. He said the accusations were based on comments he made six months ago before he became party

manager and that they were purely personal. He had said the reference

to God did not make sense in a constitution in which state and church are separated. A Christian Democratic Union mber, Rita Waschbuesch, president of the central committee of German Roman Catholics, told the daily Die Welt that God was a guarantee for democratic and human values. There are urgent examples in recent history how God was missing from the state order.

and people made themselves into she said, alluding to Hitler's ■ Gravestones Desecrated Assailants overturned or damaged 35 gravestones in Worms, an apparent neo-Nazi desecration of the largest and oldest Jewish cemetery in Europe, prosecutors said

Monday, according to The Associ-

Secret Hiroshima Film Is Discovered in Japan

TOKYO — The uncut version of a documentary shot immediately after the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki was discovered in the archives of a film company where it had been hidden for 48 years to prevent confiscation by the Allied powers, the Kyodo News Service reported Monday.

The film depicts the devastating aftermath of the nuclear raids that ended World War II in the Pacific, focusing on the ordeals of victims and rescue measures, a spokesman for Nippon Figa Shinsha Co. told Kyodo.

The 15 negative film reels, with a total screening time of three hours, were packed in a metal box labeled "Atomic Bombing" and hidden in the company's archives.

The company plans a nationwide release of the work on video to mark the 50th anniversary of the bombings in 1995.

A 30-member crew from the company's wartime predecessor, Nippon Eiga Sha, shot the material in 35mm format while accompanying a group of physicists on a survey tour of the bombed areas, Kyodo reported. In early 1946, the General Headquarters of the Allied Powers

banned further filming and ordered confiscation of all film that was not included in a 1946 U.S. documentary.

One of the cameramen, Suco Inoue, \$2, of Nagasaki, and some of his colleagues secretly copied part of the material before handing it over to the headquarters and concealed it at a processing laboratory. "When the confiscation order was issued, I thought this inevitable meant that the material would never be returned," Mr. Inone told

Wallace Bennett Dies, **Ex-Senator From Utah**

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah -Wallace F. Bennett, 95, a conservative Republican who was a U.S. senator from Utah for 24 years, died Sunday.
Mr. Bennett suffered a slight fall

Saturday at his Sale Lake City "He went to bed to rest and nev-

or woke up," said his youngest son, Senator Robert F. Bennett. Jeremiah A. O'Leary Jr., 74, Washington Journalist

WASHINGTON (AP) - Jerenich A. O'Leary Jr. 74, a veteran Washington reporter and columnist, died of circulatory problems

A lifelong Washington journalist, Mr. O'Leary was thief White House correspondent for the Washington Star for a decade before going the Washington Times as its White House correspondent

Joseph Ball, 89, a former Republican senator from Minnesota who lost his seat to Hubert H. Humphrey in 1948, died of a stroke

Moses Gum, 64, an actor whose, career of more than three decades included roles ranging from Othello to Booker T. Washington, died Friday in Guilford, Connecticut, of problems brought on by asthma.



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The Latest Jet Set Put-On Festive Jewelry: Only Black Will Do

By Suzy Menkes

ARIS — let jewelry has gone from mounting to evening. The dark stones, as black as coal but glistening like caviar, entwine throats and decorate bosoms this winter—just as they did a century ago in that other fin de siècle.

But joining the jet set in the 1990s is quite different from the days when an aged Queen Victoria was on the throne, her justband was in his grave, and jet was part of an elaborate mourning ritual:

Jet is now designer jewelry—used to lift an evening outfit from sober to sumptions. It has become a splash of glamour in the wave of black clothing that has overtaken fashion this season.

Donna Karan had jet drooping like tendrils of ivy in long chains over layers of dark clothes. Anna Sui made jet sexy, sewing it in strategic clumps on lacy bras. Raiph Lauren showed the jet chok-er as part of his Russian collection,

rass part of ms Russian collection, mixing it with russet paisley patterns for a contrast of color and texture. Christian Lacroix took inspiration from the Edwardian era, making wide chokers or using delicate jet embroidery emmeshed with stones, jet fits the a patchward of lace.

a patchwork of lace.
For Yves Saint Laurent, jet was CUITENT MOOd.
scattered like black stardust on a crusty black lace cocktail dress; Va-

lentino let it fall in a shower of stripes. Oscar de la decorated with symbols, names and messages, sculpt-Renta at Balmain buried it in velvet. Ann Demenle ed into lockets and pins, and were often solid (not to meester used jet primly, cutting up pieces of antique embroidery as appliques on shiny satin dresses or dull

Jet does not have to come out only at night. It makes a dramatic statement as a splatter of licorice, black on the lapels of a scarlet wool coat; or it can be a dark patch on gray flannet.

The contrast with 100 years ago comes when jet shadows and shades see-through materials. Although Edwardians favored lacy fabrics, they were not worn over bare flesh. Now transparent talle or sheer chiffon are made dense and decent with black bead embroidery. So jet has become seductive decoration, used to highlight and accent clothes, and what was once used for lamentation now suggests the merriest of widows. Jewelry too has become bold and dashing. Today's

abstract pins or dainty earnings are a far cry from the lugulatious brooches once pinned to widows' weeds.
Why jet? Why now? It is partly just the shift in fashion, which is taking off the 1980s glitz efter a surfeit of gilt bangles and baroque stones. Both psychologically and in its penitential style, jet fits the current room.

And who still wears jet for mourning? The origins of the polished driftwood go back to prehistory, to Greeks, Romans and Chinese. Jet was used as an amulet to ward off the evil eye, even before it was taken up as a Christian symbol in the Middle Ages. Right up to recent times, ancient superstitions about avoiding reflected images in a mouning period en-couraged the use of jet in its unpolished, mat version. The elaborate cult of the dead, which produced memento mori and a rigid code of dress and decora-tion, has now been abandoned, except in a few remain-ing communities. The idea is now to celebrate the lives

For eminent Victorians the complex rules were a bulwark to the status quo and signaled wealth and status. Wearing the correct degree of mourning be-came a social mine field, according to Lou Taylor in "Mourning Dress," published in London in 1983. She quotes a young woman describing the "horror" of her family as she appeared on Queen Victoria's funeral day in 1901 in "a rich violet costume," which was "the only bit of colour in all London".

All that paraphernalia of mourning is now dead and buried. And when an item of apparel loses its natural function, it tends to become lashionable. Humble aprons, military uniforms or peasant skirts are all tunning up in fashion collections, now that they have more or less disappeared from soci-

So it is with jet. It has become just another fashion item, its shim-mer and gleam appropriate to the

If you want to buy jet as a gift or for yourself, what should you buy? Real jet Victorian pieces were pro-duced mostly in Whitby, a coastal town in the north of England. They were carved into flowers and leaves.

ed into lockets and pins, and were often solid (not to stay stolid) in shape. That traditional mourning jewel-ry can be found in antique stores and thrift shops.

You do not necessarily need to beware of imitations. Antique pieces may be in black glass paste, once known as "French jet," or in ebonite and vulcanite, early synthetics. Such pieces may seem prettier and more decorative than genuine jet and will be made into hair combs or buckles as well as the familiar trinkets. By the 1890s, jet jewelry had followed current fashions and lightened up, with designs similar to sinnous Art Nouveau swirls and scrolls.

Modern jet is now widely copied in plastic, making the fashionable look of the winter season available at inexpensive prices. A string of faceted beads looks much the same in its cheap and cheerful version as in the genuine article, although for complex workmanship you will need to buy either an old piece or a designer version. Favorite shapes are still the turn-ofthe century choker and small beads or carved pieces threaded into necklaces or bracelets.

Now that taboos have been lifted, jet is also being mixed with other stones - not just the diamonds and pearls that were always acceptable if you had the money and status, but wilder mixes of color and texture. Jet buttons are inset with ruby-red stones; earrings are framed in dull gilt or studded with coral.

To be at the height of fashion, it may be best to follow Heary Ford's dictum that you can have any color as long as it is black. But for the jet set, both the imagination and the variety is soaring up and away.



For a splash of glamour in the wave of black clothing that has overtaken fashion, designers have turned to jet beads: Anna Sui's embroidered lacy bra, bolero and star pendant, above; Yves Saint Laurent's sparklers on a cocktail dress, top; turn-of-the-century choker and beaded embroidery by Christian Lacroix.





Merry New Age Holidays It's Getting to Be a Lot Like Solstice

By Molly O'Neill

TEW YORK - This year's holiday greeting cards arrive. More renditions of the manger, more pictures of triumphant an-gels, more images of the big fat guy in the red suit. But among the standard-issue

greetings lurk notes of disaffection, even hints of rebellion. "Lose your Xmas Depression!"

reads one greeting card. **Celebrate Winter Solstice!** "Solstice Claus is coming to town!" announces another.

The Hallmark Card Co. has yet to introduce a solstice line. And Paul Winter's "Solstice Live" recording hasn't replaced Bing Cros-by's carois in homes across the !country.
But winter solstice rituals, "Nut-

cracker" scale pageants played out in the midnight mass mood,

The events, which celebrate the return of light after the longest night of the year on Dec. 21 -Tuesday, this year — seem to be just the nicket for those whose seasonal sentiment runs toward the ecological, feminist, noncommer-

cial and slightly pagan.
"I belong to a Christian church, but the winter solstice has more meaning to me and my family than Christmas," said Ronald Basto, a former classics professor who is a real estate broker in Amherst, Mas-

"The solstice predates the Roman Saturnalia, which predates Christmas. Solstice is more universal, more inclusive than most religious holidays. No matter what faith they are, everybody hates dark days; there's almost a biological urge to celebrate the return of

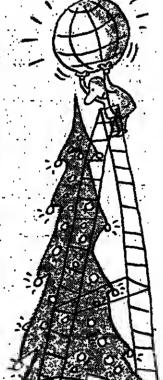
light."
Some light a menorah, others a Christmas tree. Still others, like Basto, who refers to his solstice observance as "applied mythology," favor candles and bonfires.

ATTER-DAY soistice celebrants draw liberally from a panoply of folk traditions — Scandinavian, American Indian, Celtic, Asian and Egyptian lore are the most widely used — which makes the solstice a have-it-your-way sort

Feminists and devotees of Wicca, the ancient cult of goddesses, tend to celebrate the solstice as the birthday of a cosmic mother. Winter solstice is the moment of greatest darkness," said Phyllis Curott, a lawyer in Manhattan who is the first officer of the Covenant

of the Goddess, an international organization of Wiccans.
We celebrate that darkness as a

place of resting, dreaming and nur-place of resting, dreaming and nur-suid Alan Casso, the company's new Santa for a generation that



solstice, with its hand-made feel and low-key candle-lit traditions, is an antidote to the rampant commercialism of Christmas. "When the season reaches its

For many who observe it, the

frenzied crescendo just before Christmas, I aiready have the holi-days behind me," said Burleigh Muten, who publishes "The Return of the Goddess" engagement calen-

"My husband and children and I celebrate on the 21st with a candlelit tree, gifts, feasting and a bonfire. Then we have a few days of rest and quiet while everyone else is running around like maniacs."

For mixed-faith families, the solstice can be a celestial compromise.
"I'm Jewish, my husband is
Catholic and solstice saves a lot of argument," said Marian Acker, a social worker in San Francisco. The American Atheist Society also supports the solstice celebra-

With the diversity of world opinion and so many divisive areas, does it not make sense to convert festival times to neutral, rational natural celebrations in which all peoples who call the earth home can participate as one?" said Jon G. Murray, the president of the society, which is based in Austin,

OLLY, mistletoe and evergreen trees were all The covenant has choreographed pagan symbols of the solstice, said Ellen Hopman, author of "Tree Medicine, Tree Magic" (Phoenix Publishing, 1991), a compendium of healing and mystical herbs.

"Wreaths represented the life cycle, frankincense was burned for partification as was juminer" the the solstice ritual to be presented at the Fourth Universalist Society in "We celebrate the return of light

by lighting candles, dancing, sing-ing and welcoming the incipient new life that dwells in the darkness," Cmott said. purification, as was juniper," she said. The pagan symbols were too powerful and pervasive to elimi-Ecology-minded people, on the other hand, tend to celebrate the solstice as a sort of hyper Earth nate, so modern religions just Awareness Day.

"When the weather gets colder and darker, I get this feeling of fear in my bones," said Paul Winter, the musician who has organized the solstice spectaculars at the Cathe-dral of St. John the Divine for the Public celebrations use an even wider array of symbols than private ones do, and they are more spectacular and theatrical. At the Cathedral of St. John the

last 14 years.
"It's one of the few times when people have to face their own vulnerability, have to pay attention to nature, recognize the earth. My solstice rituals celebrate the connections." Divine, the first hour of music is performed in darkness, before the performed in darkness, before the folk dancers and musicians greet a giant brass gong that appears, like the sun, suspended above the audience. The troupe serenades a giant handmade "tree of life," then a spotlighted globe that materializes above the altar, like a Christmas omament, hanging on an invisible tree. tion with the earth."

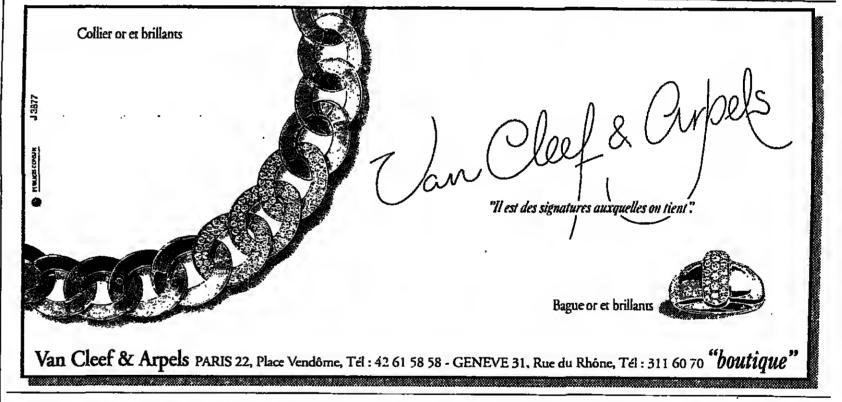
The rituals command a crowd.
The aptly named Mr. Winter, for

instance, performs four shows at the cathedral the weekend before the solstice to audiences of 3,000 It is an evening of shivers and cach, as well as staging performances in North Carolina, Minnetingles and awe. Just like Christmas used to be. But at the cathedral there is also the palpable possibility sota and Rhode Island.

The Revels, a theatrical group in that the 3,000 people in the audience will suddenly jump up, join hands and start singing. We are the performances since 1971. It now performs in seven U.S. cities to

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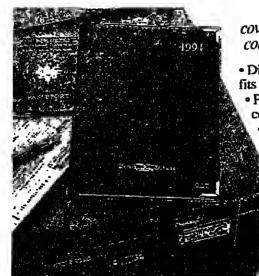
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Baby Bell Joins GE in Information Venture

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatcher CHICAGO — American Infor-mation Technology Corp. and General Electric Co. said Monday that they had agreed to form a joint venture to create and market elec-

tronic information products.

Ameritech said it would invest \$472 million, through a four-year convertible note, which will convert to a 30 percent equity position in the venture. GE will contribute the assets of its General Electric Information Services division.

The companies said that the new company would be headed by Hellene S. Runtagh, president and chief executive of GE Information Services. It will develop and market on a worldwide basis informationservices products that facilitate intercompany communications and electronic commerce for the health care, finance, banking, retail, trade, transportation, manufacturing and competer industries.

This agreement will blend the business and technical strengths of two recognized leaders in their re-spective industries in a new alliance that has the potential to bring benefits to customers and ennanced value to share owners," said William L. Weiss, Ameritech's chairman. (AFX, Reuters, UPI)

TOKYO - Japanese stocks.

battered for much of this autumn,

are facing a rough outlook for 1994,

analysts and brokers said, holding

out little hope for a recovery next

Underscoring the fears, the leading Tokyo stock index suffered its largest one-day point loss of the

year on Monday. Traders attribut-

ed the plunge to fears that Japanese

politicisms would not be able to

agree soon on a new economic

Korea would cause increasing po-

mulus plan and fears that North

U.S. Audio's New Sound Small Firms Reversing Industry's Decline

By Hans Fantel

New York Times Service
NEW YORK -- Looking at the audio section of a consumer electronics shop or department store and seeing the array of Japanese nameplates — Sony, Panasonic, Yamaha — a person might con-chide that American companies have withdrawn

But as any audiophile can confirm, the American audio industry has made a surprising comeback in recent years, earning a reputation for technical innovation and products that discerning consumers around the world are clamoring for.

Bose Corp. of Framingham, Massachusetts, for example, makes the best-selling brand of loud-speakers in Europe, the United States and Japan.

And Linasum Corp., founded seven years ago in Portland, Oregon, says it is doing a brisk export business with a line of speakers that produce sound in a radically new way — and sell for as little as \$300 or as much as \$16,000 a pair, depending on size, range and power capabilities.

The Linacum design enables small speakers to handle large volumes of sound without danger of the overloading that can shatter conventional

speakers.
"We have attracted a lot of interest in the U.S.," said Steve Hessler, Linacum's chairman and chief executive. "But more than 70 percent of our production goes abroad — especially to Asia." One recent buyer of the \$16,000 speakers, Mr. Hessler said, was China's leader, Deng Xiaoping, who

purchased a pair for his home stereo system. Early next month, at the Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas, Linaeum will be among the American audio companies displaying their wares alongside competing products from big Japanese and Taiwanese manufacturers and European giants like Philips NV of the Netherlands.

Long Winter Ahead for Tokyo Stocks

record highs for the third session in

a row, prices fell in Kuala Lumpur

in what some said was an overdue

correction, and the Shanghai A

share index plummeted more than

15 percent after the government

unvailed steps to curb speculators.

The Asian component of the In-ternational Herald Tribune World.

Stock Index fell 2.30 percent to

Japanese news reports saying the

lower house of the Japanese parlia-

ment may be dissolved were a ma-

jor source of concern, despite a government denial of any such

plan, according to Frank Nelson,

vice president of equity derivatives

at Lehman Brothers Japan. Skepticism persisted even after a

close at 117.28.

Volatility was the rule on other top government official said Mon- forecasts on the economy that the

Asian stock markets, as Hong day that Prime Minister Morihiro course of the stock market in 1994 Kong and Manila shares surged to Hosokawa was expected to an-would depend almost entirely on

nounce an outline of a third supple-

If measures to stimulate the

the lower house is disbanded for

new elections, investors could have

to wait weeks or months for anoth-

Separately, major research insti-

tutes predicted that Japan's gross national product would grow less

than I percent in the fiscal year that

begins April I, even if the govern-

ment makes further efforts to stim-

The institutes added in their

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The American products will include a new home-theater sound system by Harman Interna-tional Industries' JBL division that needs no wiring, using instead a miniature radio transmitter to

beam signals to the speakers. Imaginative engineering of this kind has enabled American audio manufacturers to reverse what seemed a fatal decline only a few years ago. Americans still hold only a fraction of the worldwide audio market — perhaps \$1.5 billion of \$32.7 billion in global sales in 1992, according to the Electronic Industries Association.

But the companies, relatively small, most of them privately held, tend to have an agility not found at big corporations.

The quintessential American audio manufacturer may be Bose, a privately held company with an estimated \$460 million in sales in 1992. Its chairman is Amar G. Bose, a technical maverick who founded the company in 1964 and continues to serve as a professor at Massachusetts Institute of

A specialist in the mathematical analysis of acoustic phenomena, Mr. Bose patented a design that enabled him to produce full-range sound from relatively small speakers.

Today, using computer analysis to design speakers based on the somic principles of pipe organs and other acoustical models. Bose has a work force of 3,000 turning out a family of technically ac-

claimed products.

The Bose line — from tabletop radios to car stereo systems to complete borne-entertainment audio systems — are designed to resolve the contradiction between small size and big sound. And Mr. Bose speaks with pride of the fact that General Motors Corp. and other carmakers including Mazda Motor Co. and Mercedes-Benz AG pnt his equipment in their top models.

the Japanese economy, which they

said showed no sign of yet of

emerging from its worst slamp of

In one of the more pessimistic

forecasts, Nomura Research Insti-

tute projected a 0.5 percent decline

in GNP next year, after an expect-

ed fall of 1.0 percent in the current

"Japanese companies' earnings

will not improve much in the next

year, as we cannot expect a sub-

stantial recovery in overall eco-

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fiscal year.

ABB Executive Picked to Be Volvo Chairman

STOCKHOLM - Bert-Olof Svanholm, head of the Swedish unit of the engineering group ABB Asea Brown Boveri Ltd., was nomi-

nated Monday to be the new chair-

man of Volvo AB and appeared likely to be elected to the post. Pehr Gyllenhammar, the former chairman, and four other Volvo board members quit on Dec. 2 after the board rejected a plan to merge with the French automaker Re-

Shareholders will meet on Jan. 19 to elect a new board.

A group of Volvo shareholders representing 40 percent of the votes, the Fourth National Pension Insurance Fund, nominated Mr. Svanholm, 58, as the new chair-

The Swedish daily Vestmanlands Laens Tidning reported Monday that Mr. Svanholm had accepted

the post.
Mr. Svanholm is deputy chairman of the Federation of Swedish Industries and chairman of the Association of Swedish Engineering Industries. He also is a member of the board of the machinery mannfacturer Atlas Copco and the cement-product maker Euroc. On Monday, he said that Volvo's

management must present a new strategic plan for the company's future by mid-1994 at the latest. "On the short term, a new effort is needed quickly to get the board and management working togeth-

er," he said. Mr. Svanholm said he wanted Volvo to regain its leading position in Swedish industry as soon as pos-

"I want to demonstrate to certain shareholders that Volvo is an interesting company in the long term," he said.

But he declined to comment on the future of the Renault alliance. Analysts said, however, that be would put a priority on deciding what can be salvaged from it. Soren Gyll, Volvo's president, is believed to have prepared a draft plan based on discussions with Mr. Svanholm. The first priorities are to decide what to do about a project for joint

development of a car base and about joint purchasing arrangements, the analysts said.

Disagreement between Volvo and Renault about the safety aspects of the car-base project was believed to have been the crucial

Other nominees for the new seven-member Volvo board are: Per-Olof Ericsson, 56, president of Sandvik AB; Hakan Frisinger, 66. former Volvo president; Mr. Gyll, 53; Tom Hedelius, 54, Svenska Handelsbanken chairman: Louis Schweitzer, 51, Renault chairman, and Bjorn Svedberg, 57, president of Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken. (Reuters, AFX, AFP)

Viacom, QVC Bid for Paramount

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches NEW YORK - Paramount Communications Inc., which said it received two rival takeover bids before Monday's deadline, bas scheduled a board meeting Tuesday to consider the offers. Analysis and investors said the board was unlikely to announce a winning bid for days.

Capping a three-and-a-half-month-long hostile takeover battle for Paramount, the rival bidders Viacom Inc. and QVC Network Inc. submitted bids.

Neither company would say whether they had submitted sweetened offers. QVC was given authorization on Saturday to increase both the cash and stock portion of its offer. currently valued at \$10.5 billion. Viacom bas kept its plans a secret.

At the close of trading Monday, QVC's original offer was worth \$84.22 a share, and Viacom's was worth \$79.75. (Bloomberg, UPI)

litical instability in the region. Tokyo's Nikkei stock average, which rose 263 points Friday, fell

647.67 points, or 3.6 percent, to

17,404.24. It was the largest drop

this year in point terms and the second largest in percentage terms.

Moscow Again Is Casting A Long Shadow Westward

INTERNATIONAL STOCKS

By Richard W. Stevenson New York Times Service

ONDON - Imagine trying to launch a Russian investment fund last week. That was the unenviable task facing Framington Group, a London-based fund manager that had spent a year setting up a plan to attract Western ad invest it in small and medium-sized Russian enterprises. capital and invest it in small and medin

Yet despite the political chaos that engulfed Moscow after its parliamentary elections. Framlington's launch went smoothly.

Along with two government-funded international agencies — the European Bank for Reconstruc-

tion and Development and the World Bank's International Finance Corp. — a hardy band of institutional investors, mostly from Britain, Europe and Amer- Russia's impact. ica, pledged more than \$60 miltion to the fund, exceeding

The West hasn't begun to think about'

Framlington's \$50 million goal. But that experience is looking more and more like an anomaly as Europe tries to come to terms with the latest news from Russia.

The strong showing of the ultranationalist Liberal Democratic Party led by Vladimir V. Zhirinovsky sent shudders through European markets. Nowhere were the fears more apparent than in Frankfurt after Mr. Zhirmovsky was quoted as saying that he would not hesitate to use nuclear weapons against Germany.

The Continent's jitters may have looked like the usual first reaction of investors to political uncertainty in any big country. Some analysts, however, said the Russia factor could prove to be much more than a short-term phenomenon in the markets.

"It's going to affect all kinds of things in the West, and the West hasn't even begun to think about it yet," David C. Roche, global strategist at Morgan Stanley in London, said. "Remember, this is a creeping social cancer, not a coup."

Analysis said nervousness about Russia was a factor in erratic

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European Stocks Rise On Signs of Recovery

Compiled by Our Stuff From Dispatches
LONDON — European stock prices advanced Monday, with British, German and Swiss market indexes closing at re-

Investors in London and Zurich were encouraged by signs of falling interest rates, lower inflation and improving econo-mies, while the Frankfurt market was led by a rally in Daimler-Benz AG shares.

Daimler rose 35.20 Deutsche marks (\$20.62), or 4.7 percent, to close at 789 DM a share after the company said its dividend would be at least as high as last year's. (Page 11)

Frankfort's DAX share index hit a closing high of 2,178.16, up 27.14 points. The European component of the International Herald Tri-

bune world stock index rose 0.90 percent, to 113.75.

In London, the Financial Times-Stock Exchange 100share index surged from the opening bell, only pausing briefly in late morning before closing at a new high of 3,364.90, up 27.80 points. In Zurich, cyclical stocks —

shares of industrial companies whose performance is often closely tied to the economic cycle - advanced strongly, as traders and investors appeared convinced an economic recovcry was under way.

The Swiss Market Index closed 19.5 points higher at 2,909.0, and the Swiss Performance Index rose 13.91 to 1,830.49, as both market barometers ended at record highs.

On the inflation front, the European Community's statistical office said the annual inflation rate in EC countries fell to 3.2 percent in November, the lowest since May 1988, while the German government re-ported that prices of goods at the factory gate last month showed were unchanged from October and down 0.2 percent from November 1992.

Other markets showing strong advances included Paris, where the CAC-40 index rose 27.03 points to finish at 2,223.47, and Madrid, where the IBEX index of 35 leading stocks ended at 3,518.53 points, a gain of 1.85 percent. (Knight-Ridder, Bloomberg, AFX)

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Blue-Chip Issues Post a Small Gain

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

NEW YORK — Blue-chip
stocks closed slightly higher in cautious trading Monday, as investors

Chevron gained 1% to 86%, and
Goodwar rate 4 to 44 IBM lost remained wary that the Federal Re-Serve might tilt toward higher inter-

est rates at a meeting of its policy-making committee Tuesday. The Dow Jones industrial average, which leaped 25.43 points on heavy volume Friday, rose a further 3.64 to end at 3,755.21. But declin-

N.Y. Stocks

ing issues outnumbered advancers by an 11-to-9 ratio. Volume was moderate at about 249 million

The price of the 30-year Treasury bond was down 7/32 at 99 13/32. The yield, which moves in the opposite direction from the price, rose to 6.29 percent from 6.28 percent. Falling oil prices gave a tempo-

rary lift to the Treasury market, but as oil prices rebounded toward midday, the market came under renewed selling pressure. In addition to anxiety over the

course of interest rates in 1994, analysts said, the market was weighed down by year-end lethargy and selling for tax purposes.

Among components of the industrial average, gains in Chevron

Chevron gained 1¼ to 86%, and Goodyear rose % to 44. IBM lost 1% to 58% after it sadi that technical problems would force a delay in delivering updated versions of two top personal computer models. In other actively traded issues, Merck rose 4 to 33%. The company

was said to be stepping up the de-velopment of its latest experimental drug against AIDS. Gulf States Utilities was unchanged at 191/2 after the Securities

and Exchange Commission's approval Friday of its merger plan with Entergy, which fell is to 35%. Borden rose is to 18%. Reports said its directors were considering putting the food and chemicals

company up for sale. Big bank stocks posted some gains after Brown Brothers Harriman raised its 1994 earnings estimates on Wells Fargo and First Interstate. An analyst at Brown
Brothers, Raphael Soiler, said the
move was based in part on his view
that the end of California's economic troubles would be "clearly in sight" by the fourth quarter of 1994 or the first quarter of 1995.

(Reuters, AP, UPI, Bloomberg)

Dollar Rises Further Against Yen and Mark

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches NEW YORK - The dollar strengthened against the Deutsche mark Monday and rose to a six-month high against the yen amid speculation that Japan's stubborn economic slump would prompt an-other cut in interest rates soon. "The yen is a currency to avoid until the end of the year," David de

Foreign Exchange

Rosa, director of foreign-exchange trading at Swiss Bank Corp. in New York, said. He said Prime Minister Morihiro Hosokawa "looks powerless to stop the decline of the Japa-

nese economy."

The dollar touched an intraday high of 110.80 yen, its highest level since June 23, and closed at 110.60 yea, up from 110.20 Friday. It also climbed to 1,7129 DM from 1,7094 end holidays.

Japanese stocks and the yen have been hurt by concern that Mr. Hosokawa's government won't be able

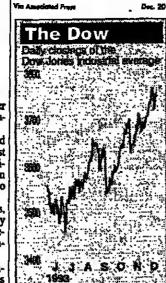
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IBM shares fell \$1.25 to \$58.50
in late trading on the New York francs. The pound advanced slightly, to \$1.4865 from \$1,4860.

Analysts said the Swiss franc was boosted by the market's assessment that growth prospects were better at the moment in Switzerland than in Germany, as well as the franc's role as a haven for investors in a time of uncertainty about Russia.

Many traders had expected the dollar to retreat Monday after rising above 110 yen Friday. Exporters, who earn revenue in dollars, usually sell when the U.S. currency rallies, they said.

"Now it looks like the exporters are holding out for a stronger dol-lar," David Solin, manager of for-eign exchange sales for Toronto Dominion Bank in New York, said.



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Friday Holdings Acquires Nynex Unit

New York (Combined Dispatches) — Friday Holdings L.P. said
Monday it had acquired BIS Strategic Decisions from Nynex World
Services Group. Financial terms were not disclosed.

BIS, based in Norwell, Massachusetts, provides information services
and consulting to global electronics and information-technology companies. It has about 300 employees in seven countries. Friday Holdings was
formed in May to invest in, acquire and create media and information
companies. Its president, Norman Pearlstine, was formerly executive
editor of The Wall Street Journal.

(Bloomberg, Reuters)

Christiania Re IPO Is Off Indefinitely

NEW YORK (Knight-Ridder) — Christiania Re Corp.'s initial public offering of 7 million common shares has been indefinitely postponed due offering of 7 million common shares has been indefinitely postponed due to weak market conditions, an underwriter said Monday.

Joseph Fashano, an investment benker at First Boston, said the price range on the deal was \$14.50 to \$16.50 a share. Of the shares offered, 5.6 million were in the United States and 1.4 million abroad, he said.

Christiania Re, a subsidiary of UNI Storebrand International Insurance AS of Norwary, provides reinsurance and insurance coverage through its unit Christiania General Insurance Co. of New York.

Merck to Speed Work on AIDS Drug

NEW YORK (Renters) - Merck & Co. said Monday it would accelerate the development of an experimental AIDS drug that has shown promise in preliminary clinical trials. Merck is focusing resources on this compound and will develop it as

quickly as possible so long as it continues to prove safe and show promise of effectiveness," said a company spokesman, John Doodley. But he cautioned that it would be months before Merck would know whether the drug, called L-735,524, could be developed into a prescription medication.

Car Output: Will U.S. Pull Ahead?

DETROIT (Bloomberg) — U.S. automotive plants may build more vehicles than Japanese plants next year for the first time since 1980, partly because Japanese manufacturers have been shifting production to the United States to minimize currency-exchange effects, the trade

Dublication Automotive News said.
Output at U.S. plants could rise to 11.2 million in 1994, up 4.6 percent from 1993, Automotive News said in its Dec. 20 issue, while Japanese production could decline to 11 million from 11.1 million this year.

For the Record

Metaligesellschaft Corp.'s new president and chief executive officer is Karl von der Heyden, formerly co-chief executive and chief financial officer of RJR Nabisco Corp. Joseph Rinaldi has resumed his post as executive vice president.

American Airlines and Delta Air Lines Inc. are the two leading contestants for a partnership deal with Poland's state airline LOT, the airline's president, Jan Litwinski, told the news agency PAP. (Reuters)

Weekend Box Office The Associated Press LOS ANGELES — "The Pelican Brief" topped the weekend boxoffice, earning an estimated \$16.6 million. Following are the Top 10 moneymakers based on Friday ticket sales and estimated sales for Saturday and Sunday.

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Daimler Says Dividend Is Safe

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Shares Surge on Payout News and Recapitalization Plan

BERLIN — Shares of Daimler-Benz AG surged Monday after the company said its dividend would be at least as high as last year's and its shareholders approved a restructuring that would make it easier to raise money. Chairman Edzard Renter said at

an extraordinary shareholders' meeting that the company's 1993 dividend would be at least equal to the 13 Deutsche marks (\$7.61) a share that the automotive, industrial and acrospace concern paid for 1992. He said the exact size of the 1993 dividend would not be decid-

ed until April.

Daimler's shares closed on the Frankfurt stock exchange at 789 DM, up 35.20, or 4.7 percent, helping to fuel a rise in the DAX index. Mr. Reuter indicated, however, that stockholders, who approved the merger of Daimler and Mercedes AG Holding at their meeting. would be asked to make some con-

Speaking of the recovery plan.

Mr. Renter told the shareholders.

The merger will effectively dissolve Mercedes Holding by exchanging each of its shares for one Daimler share. Mr. Renter said the merger was expected to take effect

whether it is in your interest that in early 1994.

The costs should be entirely borne

The chairma by employees." Mr. Renter added that the merg-er of Mercedes Holding into Daimler would give the company in-creased flexibility in raising capital.

Preussag Sales Down in '93 AFP-Extel News

HANNOVER, Germany — The German steelmaker Preussag AG said Monday its sales in the year to September fell to 23.29 billion Deutsche marks (\$13.7 billion), from 24.50 billion DM in 1992. Sales in the fourth quarter totaled 6.47 billion DM, down from 7.25 billion DM a year ago. The company, a unit of VEBA AG, said profit figures for the year would be released in February.

merger was expected to take effect

The chairman said the current year had been "without doubt one of the most difficult, perhaps even the most difficult" for Dairnler in postwar history.

Last week, Daimler-Benz announced a loss of 2 billion DM, under American accounting standards, for the first nine months.

The report used American accounting standards because Daimler plans to sell a 3.2 percent stake, in the form of 15 million American depositary shares valued at \$660 million, on the New York Stock Exchange in early 1994. The com-pany agreed to abide by American accounting rules when it gained its New York listing, the first by a

German company.
(AFX, AFP, Bloomberg, Reuters)

For Diamond Market, Glitter Is Back in '93

LONDON — De Beers Consolidated Mines Ltd. reponed on Monday record sales of \$4.37 billion in rough diamonds for this year, as the industry bounced back from doldrums that dragged sales to a six-year low in 1992.

Sales were up 27.8 percent from \$3.42 billion a year earlier on trade restocking, particularly in the United States, the diamond cartel's London-based Central Selling Organization said.

The previous high for annual sales was \$4.17 billion in 1988.

Sales for the first half of 1993 were 42 percent higher than in the year-earlier period, the CSO said. July-December sales were up 12 percent on a year-on-year basis. The CSO raised rough prices by 1.5 percent in February, and this

affected categories of rough diamonds above three-quarters of a carat, where demand was strongest, the statement said.

In Johannesburg, the announcement sent De Beers shares up to 104.50 rand (\$30.88), up from 103 rand on Friday.

A diamond glut last year, brought on in part by posching in Angola and the economic slowdown, prompted the CSO to cut producers' quotas to 75 percent of previous levels. The quotas have now been raised to 85 percent of the earlier levels, the CSO said. Retail jewelry sales have held up well amid a sluggish world economy, but the low end of the diamond market shows some signs of oversupply because of sales from Russia and U.S. stockpiles for industrial and technical use, the CSO said.

(AP, Reuters, AFP)

Last-Ditch Bid for Aerolineas Argentinas Bailout

MADRID - Iberia Lineas Aereas de Espaha SA is holding talks with the Argentine gov-ernment in Buenos Aires that the airline considers the last chance to save its Aerolineas Argentinas affiliate, an Iberia spokesman said

The Iberia chairman, Javier Salas, and the Spanish industry minister, Juan Manuel Egniagaray, were to meet on Monday with the Argengalay, were to meet on Monday with the Argen-time economy minister, Domingo Cavallo, in a final effort to persuade the Argentine govern-ment to contribute to a proposed \$500 million capital increase for Aerolineas Argentinas.

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Commission has started an anti-

dumping investigation of imports

of microwave ovens from China,

BRUSSELS - The European

Tuesday with President Carlos Saul Menem of percent stake in Aerolineas Argentinas, has asserted that it is now a privatized company

Iberia owns 30 percent and has management control over Aerolineas Argentinas. It bought into the airline in 1991 as part of its Latin American expansion strategy. The Argentine airline last week posted a \$229 million loss for the 1992-93 financial year.

Iberia proposed in October that the Argentine government and Iberia contribute to the capital increase in proportion to their stakes, but Buenos Aires has refused. Iberia has said that the Argentine carrier will be forced into receivership if the capital increase fails. Mr. Eguiagaray also was due to meet on

The Argentine government, which holds a 43

and that the government has no further respoosibility for it. The Iberia spokesman said Monday that the

Spanish airline had nothing further to add to its "We have oothing left to say on this matter, other than the proposal we have already made."

be said "Our position was that we would do every-

thing possible to avoid the matter having to reach the highest political levels, but since it has 5.13 percent Friday, stood at 1,209 now done so we will have to await the out- francs at the time of suspension.

Food Firm

buying 75 percent of Safral SA, which owns 85 percent of the French frozen food and ice cream group, from the Ortiz family. It will then make a public offer

Unilever said.

to be actively pursuing expansion-ary activities in one of their stron-gest operations in Europe," said

Unilever also said it had agreed in principle to sell the Vivagel prepared meals operations that come

ever NV were up 4.20 guilders (\$2.20), at 222.10 guilders, in after-noon trading. In Paris, trading in

Siemens Plans a 'Large Investment'

conference in Dresden, a company spokesman said.

He declined to comment on a Bild-Zeitung report of a plan to invest about I billion Deutsche marks (\$585 million) in a new plant to make semiconductors.

German government, the newspaper said.
It said the plant would employ 1,200 people.

GERMANY

Unilever **Buys French**

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches AMSTERDAM - Unilever Group. Europe's largest ice-cream maker, on Monday moved to be-come the biggest in France by acquiring a controlling stake in Ortiz-Miko, the French market leader. The British-Dutch consumer-

products conglomerate said it was

for the 15 percent of Ortiz-Miko shares traded on the Paris Bourse. The acquisition will cost about 1.9 billion francs (\$325 million). assuming that the offer for the re-maining shares is fully taken up. Ortiz-Miko has annual sales of

about 5 billion francs, has 6,000 employees and has ice cream opertions in Germany and Belgium. "It's quite a bold move for them

Tim Potter of the brokerage Smith New Court in London.

with the acquisition to BSN Group. In Amsterdam, shares of Unil-

Ortiz-Miko was suspended pending the announcement.
The shares, which had gained

(Reuters, AFP, AFX)

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MUNICH - Siemens AG said Monday that it planned to make a "large investment" in microelectronics in Dresden. Details of the project will be announced on Thursday at a news

Of the total cost, 300 million DM will be contributed by the

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Very briefly:

 Thyssen Stahl AG, Thyssen AG's steel division, said it would cut 2,500 more jobs in the business year ending Sept. 30, 1994, bringing to 12,500 the total number of cuts by that date.

Renault SA is expected to announce 2,109 job cuts on Dec. 29, French trade union sources said.

 France registered a seasonally adjusted current-account surplus of 9.042 billion francs (\$1.55 billion) in September, up from 9.006 billion francs in August, the Finance Ministry said.

CIS Technology Inc., one of Taiwan's (argest floppy-disk makers, is to build a 500 million Taiwan dollar (\$19 million) factory in Northern

Ireland to circumvent an EC anti-dumping tax, the company said. Société Suisse Microélectronique & d'Horologerie SA's bearer shares rose 4.3 percent, or 44 Swiss francs (\$31), to 1.014 francs, after the watchmaker's chairman anticipated higher 1993 sales and profits.

Volkswagen AG said customer deposits in its VAG Bank unit's credit card accounts had climbed to about 620 million Deutsche marks (\$365 million) at the end of 1993 from 270 million DM in 1992.

 Ceskoslovenska Obchodni Banka said it would increase basic capital by 4.055 billion koruny (\$137 million) to 5.105 billion koruny through a public offering of new shares on Dec. 27.

• SKF AB, the Swedish ball-bearing group, said its German subsidiary, Textilmaschinen-Komponenten GmbH, had started a joint venture with Shanghai Erfangji Co. to produce and sell spindles. The new company will take over spindle production from SKF's SMM Spindel AG.

• Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd. said it had hired Kvaerner-Masa Yards Inc. of Helsinki to build a \$300 million. 1.950-passenger ship to be

Reuters, AFP, AFX, Bloomberg

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from the Cefemo of France, a unit of Thomson SA, AEG AG of Ger-many, Toshiba Corp. of Japan, Moulinex SA of France, and Candy SpA of Italy. In another investigation, the

Group of Household Appliance Commission is looking into wheth-Manufacturers said local manufacture a satellite television venture Nickleodeon UK, between British Sky Broadcasting Ltd. and MTV Networks conforms with competition rules. Separately, the commission's

anti-trust authorities approved an agreement between Pratt & Whitney Co. of the U.S. and Germany's Motoren & Turbinen Union to link their large commercial aircraft en-

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charges.
The civil suit, filed in Abu Dhabi Criminal Court, named BCCI's Pakistani founder, Agha Hassan Abedi, his depu-Swalch Naqvi, Zianddin ty, Swalen Macyl, Ali Akbar and 10 other BCCI executives who are on trial in Abu Dhabi, the statement said.

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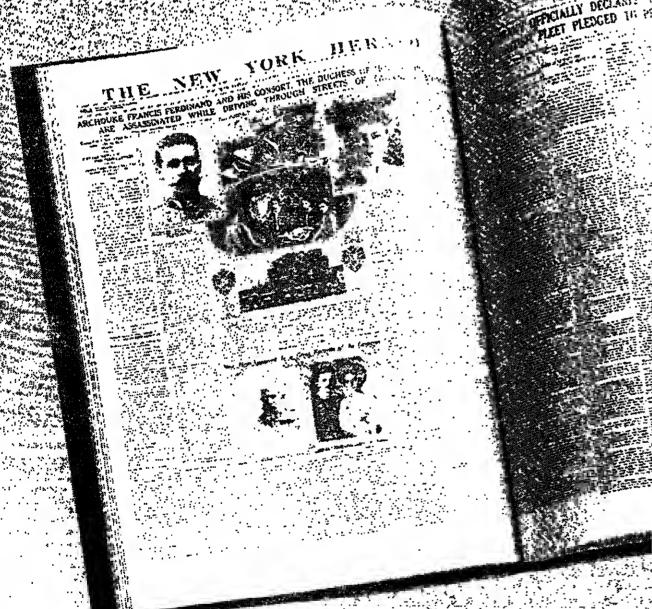
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Ramos Asks Panel To Explain Oil Sale

MANILA - President Fidel V. Ramos said Monday that he had asked a cabinet committee why it bad refused to consider a bid by a Malaysian consortium for 40 per-cent of the state-owned oil refiner

The cabinet's Committee on Privatization on Thursday approved Saudi Arabian Oil Co.'s bid of \$502

million for 40 percent of Petron. The deal for 40 percent of Petron, the refining and marketing arm of Philippine National Oil Co., was the largest sale in the govern-

ment's campaign to convert state companies to private operation In a letter released Monday, Westmont Holdings Sbn. of Malaysia urged the government to consider its bid, which was submit-ted before the Wednesday deadline but was never opened, "for reasons we cannot understand," said Manuel Estrella, Westmont's Philip-

Pine representative.

"Had it been opened, the bid submitted by the consortium would have been substantially higher and therefore would have given the government greater revenues from the sale of its equity," Mr. Estrella said. He did not say how much his

company had bid. Energy Secretary Delfin Lazaro, chairman of the Philippine oil com-pany, said Westmont's bid was not opened because the company had failed to show technical competence. He did not elaborate. A government source said that the bidding committee had questions about Westmont's technical capabilities, including its access to long-term crude oil supplies, prodand production technology.

nd management expertise.

Mr. Ramos said he had asked the privatization panel to explain why the bid was not considered and to report on other allegations of irreg-ularities in the bidding.

He said he had asked the com-

mittee chairman, Finance Secre-Ernest Leung, "to come up with a clarification of this."

Another Malaysian state-owned oil company, Petronas, offered \$421 million, which was below the \$440 million minimum set by the government.

The government plans to retain n 40 percent share in Petron, which controls 48 percent of the Philippine market, and offer the other 20 percent to investors.

Several congressmen have charged that there were irregularities in the bidding in favor of Sau-di Arabian Oil, which is known as Aramco, after its predecessor, Arabian-American Oil Co.

Others oppose the sale because the government would lose control over fuel prices.

U.S. Ducks a Chip Clash Call to Get Tough With Japan Is Deflected

By James Risen

Los Angeles Times Service
WASHINGTON — The White House and the
Pentagon have quashed a call by the Commerce
Department to use national security as a basis for helping American makers of semiconductor components compete with Japanese rivals.

The Commerce Department had urged President Bill Clinton to endorse a petition filed by two American companies asserting that Japan's demi-nance of the world market for advanced ceramic threat to the security of the United States.

Officials at the department argued that eve major high-technology weapons system in the U.S. arsenal relies on the ceramic semiconductor components, and that Japanese companies now supply nearly 90 percent of such components used by the Pentagon. Officials in Mr. Clinton's administration have acknowledged that the Pentagon is more dependent on Japan for the ceramic components than

for any other critical materials in weapons systems. But the Commerce Department's tough recommendations were quietly shelved. Instead, a working group run by the White House's National Economic Council has begun to study the American semiconductor industry, and angry depart-ment officials say they fear the study will simply

The case began in 1992 when an electronics subsidiary of Adolph Coors Co. and Ceramics Process Systems Corp., a maker of advanced ceramic products, filed a trade petition arguing that the Pentagon and American companies were too dependent on a Japanese company, Kyocera Corp., for high-tech ceramic semiconductor packages.

Industry and government officials say that Kvocera controls about 70 percent of the world market for the components. Although Kyocera has a plant in San Diego and argues that it should be treated as an American company. Commerce Department officials say virtually all its ceramic packaging for iconductors comes directly from Japan.

■ Foreign Market Share Falls in Japan

The American and European shares of the comouter-chip market in Japan are continuing to fall. making it likely that the United States will seek special trade talks with Japan early next year. The New York Times reported, qunting U.S. officials.

Preliminary estimates suggest that non-Japanese makers, most of them American, had 18 to 19 percent of the Japanese chip market in the third quarter, the lowest level in a year, a senior U.S.

trade official said As a result, the United States is likely to invoke an "emergency consultations" provision of the 1991 semiconductor accord with Japan, the official, who

asked not to be identified, said late last week. The 1991 arrangement set a goal of a 20 percent market share for foreign chip makers in Japan by the end of 1992. That share did reach 20.2 percent in the fourth quarter of 1992, but it has been falling

ever since, to 19.6 percent in the first quarter of this year and 19.2 percent in the second period.

Separately, Bloomberg Business News reported Monday that U.S. Trade Representative Mickey Kantor, in an open letter printed in the Nihon Keizai newspaper, had accused the Japanese gov ernment of interfering with import flows. The deputy trade representative, Charlene Barshelsky. charged last week that Japan's chip imports had fallen below the 20 percent target.

Zhu Vows To Control **Grain Price**

BEIJING — China's economics boss, Zhu Rongji, swept back into the public eye on Manday, saying inflation was still a problem but promising that Beijing would not allow the price of grain to run wild.

Mr. Zhu, deputy prime minister and head of the central bank, has not been prominent in China's tightly controlled propaganda output for several weeks, leading to whispers that his political star may have declined.

But in remarks that took up nearly half of the evening news broadcast on state radio and were prominent on state television, Mr. Zhu spoke like a man determined to see economic reforms succeed.

"Stabilizing the grain price and inflation," he said, "are key to a smooth implementation of next year's reforms." He spoke on state radio after reports of sharp rises in the price of rice and some panic huying of household electrical ap-

"There bas not been a basic change in the fact that fixed-asset investment has remained high and money-supply growth bas re-mained large. The pressure of infla-tion still exists," he said.

Mr. Zhu tried to slow down China's overheating economy in July by elamping down on credit and

speculation. Already there are signs that over-beating has returned. The November inflation rate in 35 major cities

was an annual 21.9 percent. He assured the 1.2 hillion people that the country was having another humper grain harvest and state stockpiles were at record levels.

■ Loan for 3d H.K. Tunnel

A Hong Kong-China consor-tium, Western Harbor Tunnel Co., announced Monday that it has secured a 5.2 hillion Hong Kong dollar (\$666 million) loan to build n third road tunnel under Hong Kong harbor. The Associated Press reported from Hong Kong.

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China submitted a draft law to its national legislature that would guarantee legal protection for investment from Taiwan, Xinhua news agency reported from Beijing.

itomo Corp. and Indonesia Petroleum Ltd. of Japan said they would jointly develop oil resources in northwestern China's Tarim Basin with Exxon Corp. of the United States, Exploration work will start in early 1994, with the goal of oil production by 2002, they said.

 Nissho Iwai Corp. said it had wnn exploration and development rights for an offshore block in Vietnam's Blue Dragon oil field in a consortium with Mobil Corp. and two Japanese partners.

 Japan's direct investment overseas in calendar 1992 plunged 43.9 percent from the preceding year to \$17.2 billion.

 Japan's crude steel production will fall for the second consecutive year in the current fiscal year. Output will tumble 2.9 percent, to 96.6 million netric tons, the Ministry for International Trade and Industry said.

India cleared foreign investment proposals worth more than \$2 billion during the first 10 months of the year, nearly double the total for 1992, the

Toyota, Nissan See Output and Sales Decline

Agence France-Presse · TOKYO - Japan's top motor companies, Toyota Motor Corp. and Nissan Motor Co., said Monday that their domestic outputs and sales and their exports in November remained below the 1992 levels due to sługgish demand amid

the global recession. Toyota's domestic output dropped 13.1 percent from 1992 to 301,850 units, due to 'sluggish domestic sales and a decrease in exports," a Toyota.

statement said It added that Toyota's domestic sales were also down 4. percent, at 180,721 units, amid "prolonged recession." while exports phraged 21.7 percent to 108,562.

Nissan's production at home fell 11.8 percent to 153,300, while its domestic. sales dropped 13.6 percent to 83,915. Its exports dipped 39 percent to 51,066, a Nissan statement said, and its overseas production shrank 3.9

percent to 82,456. Meanwhile, Japan's houseup 0.4 percent from 1992, the Management and Coordina-

U.S. and Australia End Airline Quarrel

CANBERRA - The United States and Australia have reached an agreement on Pacific airline routes that ends a bitter dispute over flying passengers who board the planes in Japan to Australia, Transport and Communications Minister Bob Collins announced Mon-

Under the three-year agreement, two carriers from each nation will be able to fly three times a week on the Australia-Japan-United States route. U.S. carriers had had the right to fly the first eight weekly services.

In the agreement, effective Jan. 31, Australia also secured Mexico as a new point on the South Pacific route, an additional point in Asia on the North Pacific route, and additional points in America on the same route.

Early this year, Australia put restrictions on Northwest Airlines after accusing it of violating Australian conditions for the route because more than half its passengers arriving in Austraba had embarked in Japan. The Japan-Australia leg is a highly hycrative route.

Northwest had denied it had breached the conditions and took action through the Federal

Aviation Agency, the U.S. airline regulatory body, to try to block the Australian carrier Qantas from landing at Los Angeles. U.S. and Australian authorities then began negotiations that resulted in the new agree-

Mr. Collins announced the agreement Monday, saying it represented a favorable outcome

for trade, tourism and aviation in Australia. The agreement provides for United and Northwest to drop outstanding legal action against the Australian government over the dispute, a spokesman for Mr. Collins said.

STOCK: Outlook Is Bleak for Battered Tokyo Market OECD: Global Recovery, Forecasters Say, Is Still Just Around the Corner

nomic conditions," an analyst for a large brokerage concern said.

This means share prices have only limited momentum to rise."

Kenzo Doi, an analyst at Kokusai Securities, said that the Nikkei average's decline below 16,000 in late November was due to "grow-ing fears that Japan's economy would remain weak in the medium to long term." He added, "Investors cannot pour their money into the stock market until such fears

have subsided."

of 1.75 percent have already been Hong Kong, which reverts to Chifactored in, brokers said.

They also pointed out that seven previous cuts in the rate since July 1991, when it stood at 6.0 percent had not succeeded in reviving the

On other Asian stock markets Monday, the Hang Seng Index in Hong Kong rose 245.90 points, or 2.3 percent, closing at 10,814.70. It had risen 229.20 points Friday. Brokers said the buying spree continued after early profit-taking,

with investors expecting the index to reach 11,000 points before Brokers said investors appeared no longer concerned about the dis-pute between Britain and China over political arrangements in

In Manila, the composite index of 31 stocks posted a record 5.5 percent gain, rising 146.37 points to 2,808.80 after climbing 47 Friday. But Malaysian shares closed

lower in heavy trading amid a bout of late profit-taking. The compos-ite index fell 11.45 points to On the Shanghai exchange, offi-

cials managed to prevent even bigger losses by calling on institutions to support major issues, and shares closed above their low for the day. But the index of Class A shares still was off 145.27 points, or 15.6 per-cent, at 780.26.

so far - and cut interest rates, even if this means a weaker exchange rate.

"Interest rate reductions will be required to underpin recovery" in Germany's exchange rate mechanism partners, the report states, as the deterioration in public finances "gives vir-

tually no room for fiscal stimulus. The report notes that in countries such as Britain, Italy and the Nordic nations, which have cut their formal or informal links with the Detrische mark and reduced interest rates. "moderate recoveries are either already appar-

ent or in prospect." Unemployment in Europe, which has been rising even during periods of economic expaned by a cyclical downturn — that requires structural remedies, the OECD's chief econo-mist, Kumiharu Shigehara, said at n news con-

Expressing his personal view, he discounted work-sharing as a possible solution. "This is not the best approach," he said. Any such decision "must be left" to collective agreements between

companies and their workers rather than be The ongoing correction from the excessive corporate and household levels of debt built up during the previous expansion is the main depressant of activity, the report states. Even in ine United States, where the process of adjust-

ment has probably proceeded farthest, "it is probably not complete. Overall, "important symptoms of financial stress remain, in the form of debt rarios of the nonfinancial sector that are still historically

In Japan, such pressures "appear to be severe,"
The outlook for Japan has been sharply revised downward from the forecast published

seen at 0.5 percent, down from the earlier estimate of 1.4 percent. With the yen's appreciation exerting "a significant drag on growth," the report says, the "current deflationary spiral via falling investment and a deteriorating labor

market may be difficult to break." China's austerity efforts, aimed at reducing growth and inflation to around 10 percent, could result in a sharper deceleration of growth. The report sees growth in Hong Kong slowing modestly to 5 and then 4.5 percent from this

year's 5.5 percent. Singapore's growth is forecast to moderate to 7 and then 6.5 percent after this year's 7.5 percent, due to a slowdown in the export boom

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49ers: 10th Division Title

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Having blown a big lead the week before, and with it a chance to clinch the NFC West title, the 49ers scored on every possession in the first helf Sunday and swamped the host Detroit Lions, 55-17 to with the 10th district Colors 1990. 17, to win their 10th division title in 12

Steve Young, the NFC's leading passer, threw for 354 yards and four touchdowns in less than three quarters, and left with a 45-10 lead. He had connected with Jerry Rice for an 80-yard touch-down pass and with John Taylor for a 68-yard score,

"They have tremendous outside team speed and Young was cooking on all cylinders," said Detroit's coach, Wayne

The Lions remained tied with Green Bay for the NFC Central lead. The 49ers and the Houston Oilers joined Dallas and the New York Giants as teams that have clinched playoff spots. Green Bay and Miami could have joined them, but

The 49ers, who never had to punt, rolled up 565 yards. Dexter Carter capped the 49ers' romp with a 50-yard touchdown run in the closing minutes.

The week before, in Atlanta, San Francisco missed a chance to clinch the division when Carter's two fumbles enabled the Falcons to rally from a 24-7 deficit in the fourth quarter for a 27-24

Chiefs 28, Chargers 24: Joe Montana threw a 4-yard TD pass to LJ. Birden one play after sustaining a concussion in the third quarter in Kansas City.

This time, the San Francisco 49ers after Junior Seau flattened him. Looking took no prisoners, and they definitely wobbly, he put the Chiefs ahead, 21-17, took no chances. game.

Kansas City rallied from a 17-0 deficit and remained tied with Buffalo and Houston for the home-field advantage in

Raiders 27, Baccaneers 20: Los Angeles, playing at home, scored touchdowns on its first two possessions and held off Tampa Bay. Jeff Hostetler threw a 27-yard TD pass to Alexander Wright and Napoleon McCallum ran 5 yards for a

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score as the Raiders kept their playoff hones intact.

Cardinals 30, Sealiawks 27: Greg Davis Ricked a team-record, 55-yard field goal as regulation time expired in Seat-tle, then kicked a 41-yarder 6:45 into overtime for Phoenix.

Davis was also good on a 50-yard kick earlier in the fourth quarter, while Steve Benerlein threw for a career-high 431 vards and three touchdowns.

Seattle never had the ball in overtime, but its Rick Mirer became the top rookie passer in NFL history with 2,576 yards.

Eagles 20, Colts 10: Philadelphia sacked Jeff George four times and forced three fumbles, two of which set up a field goal and a 14-yard touchdown pass from Bubby Brister to Calvin Wiliams in Indianapolis.

The Colts managed just 31 yards rushing, all by rookie Roosevelt Potts, against a defense ranked 27th in the

Bills 47. Dolphins 34: In Miami, Buffalo won the highest-scoring NFL game this season as Mickey Washington re-turned an interception 27 yards for a touchdown and Nate Odomes scored on a 25-yard fumble return.

The Bills led by 47-20 after scoring three touchdowns in the first six ininutes of the second half. Minmi, which had the league's best record three weeks ago, has lost three in a row, all at home.

Oilers 26, Steelers 17: Houston won its second AFC Central crown in three years as Warren Moon hit running back Gary Brown with a 38-yard scoring pass and safety Bo Orlando returned an interception 35 yards for a touchdown in the first 5:23 of the game in Pittsburgh. But the Oilers lost leading receiver Webster Slaughter for the rest of the season with tom knee ligaments.

Vikings 21, Packers 17: Minnesota's Jim McMahon threw three touchdown passes in Milwaukee to win his 10th consecutive start against Green Bay.
The Packers missed a chance to clinch

their first playoff spot in a nonstrike season since 1972, while the Vikings retained a chance to repeat as NFC Central champs.

Patriots 20, Browns 17: Leonard Rus-sell ran four yards for a touchdown with two minutes left to give New England its victory and eliminate host Cleveland from the playoffs.

Redskins 30. Falcons 17: Washington took advantage of six turnovers by Bobby Hebert, beat Atlanta for the 10th



straight time at RFK Stadium and knocked the Falcons out of the playoffs. Mel Gray was hauled down by Sanjay Beach as the Lions got nowhere against the awesome 49ers.

Slovene Skier Gets First Cup Victory

MADONNA DI CAMPIGLIO, Italy — Jure Kosir edged the favored Alberto Tomba by nine-hundredths of a second in the statom Monday to get his first World Cup victory, and the first ever by a Slovene skier in the yearly competition. Kosir, 21, skied the fastes; first run in 45.71 seconds

and added 48.98 seconds in the second run down the steep Miramonti course for a winning aggregate of I minute, 34.69 seconds.

Tomba finished second in his second consecutive race, and missed getting his third victory of the season, in 1:34.78 minutes.

The Olympic slalom champion, Christian Jagge of Finland, took third place, 0.24 seconds behind the

Kosir's previous best had been a second place in

Lech, Austria, about a year ago.
"I feel great," he said. "I can't imagine a sweeter win. I beat Tomba, the best world slalom skier.

Kosir became the first Slovene to win a World Cup race since his country was declared independent, although other Slovene skiers had won World Cup races competing under the colors of Yugoslavia.

Despite defeat in front of a partisan crowd of about 10,000 in this Italian Dolomite resort, Tomba vaulted atop the World Cup standings, with 454 points.

Kjetil Andre Aamodt of Norway and Gunther Mader of Austria lost one place each overall, falling to second and third respectively with 447 and 423 points. Mader finished ninth and Aamodt 10th in the slalom Monday.

The next World Cup race, a super giant slalom, is scheduled at Lech on Wednesday.

 The women's World Cup slalom scheduled for Wednesday in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany, was called off because of rain. FIS said it was negotiating with Maribor, Slovenia, to stage the race in addition to a slalum and a giant slalom scheduled for Jan.

SIDELINES

Jury Postpones Whitbread Ruling

SOUTHAMPTON, England (Reuters) - Requests by three yachts in the Whitbread Round the World Race to reconsider the compensation awarded to Winston after she answered a distress call will be dealt with later in the event, the International Jury said Monday.

It recommended delaying any response to the requests until a future stopover in the race — which resumes Jan. 9 with the third leg from Freemantle, Australia, to Anckland — because two members of the Jury have left Australia and, under International Yacht Racing rules, the hearing must be conducted with the original protest committee.

NBA Suspends Rodman and King

NEW YORK (AP) — Dennis Rodman of the San Antonio Spurs, the NBA's rebounding leader, and the Chicago Bulls Stacey King were both suspended for a game and fined Monday for a fight Saturday night night.

• Clyde Drenter, Portland's star guard, severely sprained his left ankle during the Trail Blazers' game with the Milwankee Bucks and was taken to a hospital for X-rays.

For the Record

England's exhibition soccer match against Germany on April 20 in Hamburg may be called off, officials said Monday, because it coincides with the anniversary of Adolf Hitler's birthday and could create a

Security problem.

Wolfgang Hoppe, the 1984 Olympic bobsled champion, has been dismissed from the German military because he had kept alent about his contacts with secret police in East Germany, the bobsied federation said Monday. That was not expected affect his hopes of competing in February's Games in Lillehammer, Norway.

(AP) Mike Tyson, the former heavyweight champion, was granted a hearing

Monday by the Indiana Court of Appeals on a legal point in his conviction for rape. The hearing, which was not immediately scheduled, will allow Tyson to argue his claim that prosecutors knew the woman who accused him of rape also was considering sping him.

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Jesse Bartield has signed a contract with the Houston Astros next

season, despite a verbal agreement to play for the Yakult Swallows, an official of the 1993 Japan champion said Monday. (AP)
Steffi Graf has said she will not play in next year's Hamburg women's tennis tournament, where her rival, Monica Seles, was stabled in April, the German tederation said. (AP)

Charlie Smirke, 37, the four-time winner of the English Derby, died Monday in Leatherhead, England.

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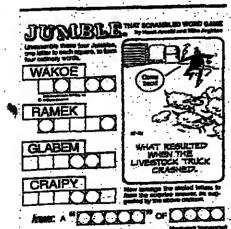
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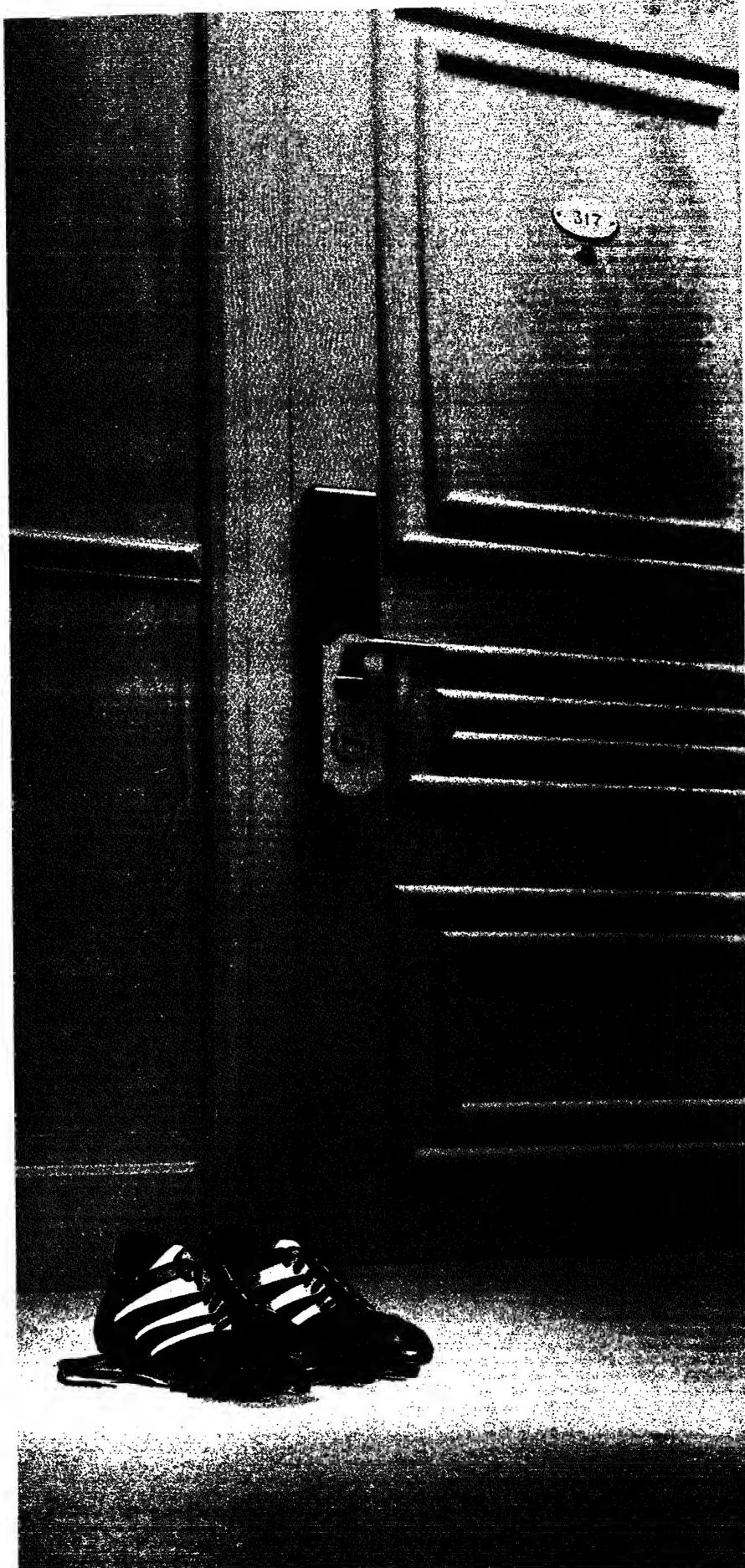
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Group A World Cup First-Round Draw PASADENA, June 18 Colombia vs. Romani The opening match between Germany and Bolivia will be played on June 17- in Chicago. The final will be played July 17 at the Rose Bow in Pasadena. A total of 52 matches will be played: PONTIAC, June 18 USA vs. Switzerland PASADENA, June 22 USA vs. Colombia PONTIAC June 22 Porgania vs. Saftzei PASADENA, June 26 Forborn Stacker Pontiec Mich. USA vs. Romania PALOALTO, June 26 Chicago Group B E Rustington N Group E George Station Washington, O.C. PF & Station Soldier Field PASADENA, June 19 Palo Alto, Calif. Cameroon vs. Sweden Stanford Stadium PALDALTO Jum 20 "Pasadena, Calif. Brack ver Russia

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Germany and Argentina Fared Best

LAS VEGAS - If soccer's World Cup draw is rigged, as many have supposed through the years, it definitely was not fixed this time in favor of perennial favorite Italy or the bost United States.

Italy got what it wanted: a home field advantage in the New York City area with its large Italian immigrant population. But when FIFA and the World Cup committee put it in Group E for the first round, Italy also got Norway, Mexico and Ireland.

"It has gone very badly as usu-" said Italy's coach, Arrigo Sac-

"Italy's draw is by no means easy," said the former French national team player and coach, Mi-chel Platini. "The toughest draws, in fact, are Italy's and Brazil's. Italy's got to face two European teams, plus Mexico."

Italian officials had picked Norway, fourth in the latest monthly FIFA rankings, as one team they would rather avoid after the Scandinavians cost them a place in the 1992 European championship finals by beating them in Oslo and drawing in Genoe.

Ireland, for its part, stretched Italy to the limit before bowing out, 1-0, in Rome in the quarterfinals of the 1990 World Cup. And Mexico has been hot over the last six months, having won the CONCA-CAF Gold Cup and making it to the final of the Copa America before losing to Argentina.

"We aren't afraid to take on European teams such as Norway, Ireland and Italy," said Mexican midfielder Garcia Aspe. "If we want to

go all the way what better than to take on the big ones at the start." Brazil got 1990 quarterfinalist ameroon, the fan favorite in 1990 in Italy, plus Russia and Sweden.

Brazil's coach, Carlos Alberto Parreira, said that Group B -

The Co-Favorites: Germany, Brazil

LONDON - Defending champion Germany and Brazil have been made 4-1 co-favorites to win the World Cup by the British bookmaker Ladbrokes. The odds on the Netherlands shortened from 8-1 to 7-1 after the Dutch drew a comparatively easy first round. Argentina went

from 9-1 to 8-1. Italy remained the third favorite at 9-2. Ladbrokes cut Colombia's odds from 12-1 to 10-1 while Belgium went from 25-1 to 20-1. Spain stayed at 16-1 and Russia's odds

gthened from 20-1 to 25-1. Bolivia moved out from 25-1 to 33-1, while Norway, Sweden, Ire-land and Mexico all lengthened from 33-1 to 40-1. Cameroon started at 66-1 and went to 100-1 after a tough draw. Switzerland stayed at 33-1.

Romania, the United States and Bulgaria stayed at 50-1, Nigeria at 80-1 and Greece 100-1. Morocco slipped from 100-1 to 150-1, while Saudi Arabia remained a 200-I shot and South Korea is still rated 250-1,

death" - was so strong and well balanced any of the four teams could win it, and any of the four

"No question the group with Brazil, Russia, Cameroon and Sweden is by far the toughest," said Germany's coach, Berti Vogis.

As top seeds go, Vogts got off pretty easy. In Bolivia and South Korea, his defending champions face two teams that have gained just one tie out of 11 World Cup matches

Germany will open the tournament on June 17 against Bolivia, the South American Cinderella team, at Soldier Field in Chicago. Spain didn't mind being drawn in the same group as Germany be-cause it is confident of beating Bo-

livia and South Korea. "None of the groups is easy but, yes, I can say I am happy," said the Spanish coach, Javier Clemente.

With only the two teams from each group guaranteed a berth in the second round, the Belgians and Argentines also got fairly easy routes and shouldn't have much trouble.

Two-time champion Argentina appeared to have drawn the easiest assignment. Two of its three opponents, Greece and Nigeria, never before played in the World Cup. Bulgaria also figures to advance from that group, to be based in Chicago, Boston and Dallas.

Belgium and the Netherlands also seemed to gain a favorable draw, being placed with Morocco and Saudi Arabia in a group that will be based in New York, Washington and Orlando, Florida. But the Netherlands will appar-

ently be without Rund Gullit, who has said he would play only if Johan Cryuff were brought in to coach the national team. It was announced Sunday that Dick Advocaat would remain as national coach, and Gullit has said that he would not play for Advocant.

"We know everything about Belgium," Advocaat said, "All we know about Saudi Arabia is their coach. It is a good draw for the Dutch and I think we have a good chance of reaching the second round.

Leo Beenhakker, the Dutchman who is the Saudi's new coach, reposted that "at the moment I know more about my opponents than my own team. Sandi Arabia is champion of Asia and that has to mean something, but I don't know how they compare to European and South American football teams. We've a long way to go and I am

The Americans, if they get to the second round, will have to get there "Believe me, if this thing was

the hard way. fixed, it wouldn't be fixed with Colombia in the U.S. group," said Alan Rothenberg, president of World Cup USA '94. Out of the second group of seeds,

the United States got the worst possible draw: Colombia. Switzerland is rated 12th and the only "casy" team is Romania, which is ranked 13th. The United States will open

against Switzerland at the Silverdome in Pontiac, Michigan, on June 12. This may be the pivotal game for the Americans. A victory would give them 3 points under the new World Cup system, and a tie against either Colombia or Romama should get the United States through to the second round.

Switzerland, despite its success against Italy during qualifying, has not played in the World Cup since 1966. And, the Swiss may find it uncomfortable playing indoors in an arena that isn't air-conditioned and, when the Detroit Pistons were hosting National Basketball Association playoff games, often grew suffocatingly burnid at that time of

The Colombians have become a darkhorse favorite after that 5-0 shocker over Argentina in the qualifying round. They play a spectacular South American style reminiscent of Brazil's, and don't seem to have missed their flamboyant goalie, René Higuita, who has been in a Bogota prison since June for allegedly violating Colombia's strict new anti-kidnapping law.

Romania, because it is an Eastern European team, stuck as it was for years behind the Iron Curtain, does not immediately come to mind in a discussion of soccer powerhouses. But it won its qualifying group, even with a coaching change midway, and plays a rugged physical game, with superb forwards and an attacking midfield that will give problems to Colombia, the United States and Switzerland.

Many of Romania's players have polished their games by playing abroad; its top star. Gheorghe Maradona of the Carpathians. The Americans, though, can gain encouragement from a 1-1 tie with Romania in a "friendly" match last February in Santa Barbara, Cali-

"There's not an easy team out there," said American sweeper Marcel Balboa, "You never want to get a group like that, but you have to deal with them. Switzerland and Romania come right at you, a bundred miles an hour. Colombia has that Latin style, fancy dribbling, We're going to have to adapt to different styles in 10 or 12 days." (N)T, AP, Reuters, AFP)

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Soccer Is Peddling the Wrong Product in America By Ian Thomsen ence or absence of one person changes it in use of the hands is not allowed? The scor- was here from every major market, ready ing is too low? The U.S. sports calendar is to pass along word to prospective fans. lange said that Pele was, in effect, "unim-

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LAS VEGAS - He said, "It is up to FIFA to make the choice of people who belong in the final draw. There are no obligations in this matter. It is something that belongs to FIFA.".

João Havelange clamped his strong jaw and blinked theatrically, a long slow blink, no different than a bodybuilder flexing his muscles. FIFA is the international soccer federation and he is its president. He was speaking of his fellow Brazilian, Pelé, the greatest player his sport has ever known.

Havelange said, "It is not the presence of one person who will decide the success of the World Cup."

- And he said. The persons who participate are unimportant to PIFA. The pres-

Semp Blatter, the secretary general of FIFA, being passed a selection ball by comedian Robin Williams during the

draw in Las Vegas. In many ways, the way soccer's politicians sought not to in-

troduced the stars of their game to

the American public also seemed like a

Pelé had accused the president of the Brazilian soccer federation of awarding a television contract to Pele's business competitor in return for a \$1 million kickback. The specifics of this case are almost irrelevant. The president of the Brazilian federation happens to be the son-in-law of Havelange, and this also is irrelevant. It is the father-in-law's decision to ban Pelé from the World Cup Final Draw ceremony Sunday that warrants scrutiny, for it leads one to decide once again that soccer will not

catch on in America. The people who run soccer do not know how to create stars in this country. As politicians, they wonder why Americans are lagging behind the rest of the world in their devotion to the game. Is it because

stuffed full already? FIFA scratches its head. In the meantime its president declares unimportant the player who did more to prepare America for the World Cup than all of the politicians who now take credit for his work.

Americans ignore soccer because they can't tell you who plays it. It has nothing to do with the feet or the scoring or the competition. The only player they know is Pelé, and he retired two decades ago. He has the eeric tenacity of Elvis, gone but still in charge somehow, and it's because the game does not know how to create stars to replace him.

This week the soccer politicians might have introduced the stars of their game to the American public. The domestic media

Instead of gaining an understanding for the same and the talents of the people who play it, they ended up writing about the equivalent of a political convention. Round, middle-aged, blinking men sat on stages and talked about how they were going to sell the game to America. As if they are the ones who must ultimately sell

the game to America. People are paying an average of \$58 for 3.6 million World Cup tickets in order to watch players. They could not care less about politicians and administrators. Yet the more time one spends around soccer, the more obvious it becomes that these politicisms believe they are the stars. Of course they will argue that they are not, but their actions state otherwise. Have-

portant." By deciding to take the stage himself while denying a role to Pelé, did Havelange not make it clear that he considers himself more important than the Havelange seems to believe that he can roll out his plush red carpet across 31 days and nine American metropolises and by

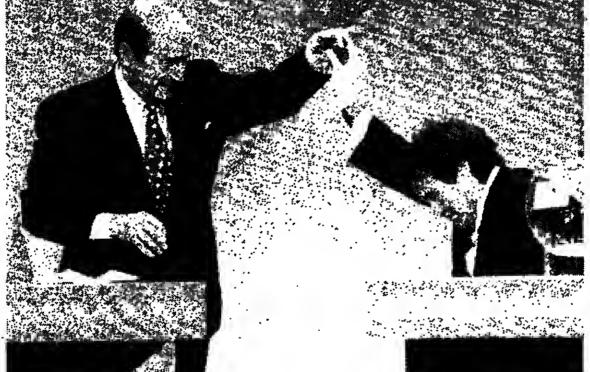
the time it's all done the magnitude of the World Cup will have Americans pleading for more. To this date his federation has done nothing to promote players for the American audience. He and his lientenants all preach to America the glory of the World Cup but they never do explain it. They don't explain it because they actually don't understand it. They don't understand it because they never played in it.

But it is obvious that these politicians love the spotlight. One gets the feeling that they are not so willing to share it.

rance plumbed by those trying to sell soccer for the umpteenth time to a culture that creates entertainment for the rest of the world. Six months to go, and the only player America knows is somebody who hasn't played in 15 years and isn't even important enough to share the stage with Beau Bridges, Tony Moola and Carol Alt. When layer after layer after layer of

corporate sponsors agreed to invest mil-lions in this start-up venture, did they realize that their products and services were going to be tied into the personality of Sepp Blatter? (He is the secretary general of FIFA, he was the host of the Final Draw, and he has a fine personality, by the And now they are talking about starting

a professional league in the United States in 1995. This will be put on by the same people who brought you Sopp Blatter. They can tell themselves that the World Cup will be a huge success. They will be right, because of the 3.6 million tickets, and the \$5g average price per ticket. Of course, when the audience doesn't have a relationship with the performers, then the performance takes on the aspects of a Broadway play on tour. "Cats" was a big hit once, selling out everywhere it went. Nobody knows why. And when it disap-



AS VEGAS - Soccer is today between the devil AS VEUAS — Sound as much soul cries out for and a bright a new dawn. Its soul cries out for

performers to rescue the sport from the self-interest of its administrators. It is not new, or unexpected, for the powers that be to throw players out into the mid-day sun in such humid places as Orlando and Dallas. The gray men in gray suits will sit and swelter, poor chaps, so long as they rake in milions from television and sponsorships andent on live broadcasts to continents nine hours to the east and nine to the west.

The players, mercenaries themselves, must take the money and run, or walk, or himp, through up to seven hot marches between June 17 and July 17. They try to condition their

bodies and minds to it. They expect no favors from anthority. They know deep in their professional bones that FIFA's

efforts to quicken play are counter-productive when the image are pushing the limits of exhaustion. But the show goes on, the "new" American audience is there to be won. Market forces prevail, so get out and perform and don't dare offer us feeble prima-

donna excuses.

The word dare is significant. I find it beyond comprehension that João Havelange has risen again, that his autocratic dogma has been able to cut Pele, the greatest player the game has known, out of the World Cup Draw simanigans.

All right, Havelange is still the elected president of FIFA. But when he vindictively forebade the name

Pelé, much less the man on the stage, where was the courage, the propriery, the sense of duty from those who could have stopped him? No one stood up to Havelange. Not Scop Blatter, the general socretary and master of the balls of FIFA.

Not Alan Rothenberg, the California lawyer running

the show for the United States. Not Lennart Johansson, the president of UEFA. And certainly not Havelange's Latin buddy, the silent Mexican Guillermo Canedo, who sits as chairman of the 1994 World Cup

organizing committee.

I'll be honest. I thought Havelange was a waning old man. But Sunday, simply because Pele has accused Havelange's son-in-law, Ricardo Teixeira, of corrupting Brazilian soccer affairs, the septuagenarian showed us he's still boss. It was a devastating, disturbing act. The minions cowered before Havelange as if he was Mao Zedong reincarnate. But enough of the him. Which players might pre

tend that soccer is still a game? Funnily enough, I anticipate that the Latins, with their wiles, their ability to caress the ball and make it do the work, will conquer America's conditions best. Pelé himself suggests that Colombia has the most talented team. Agreed. Carlos Valderrama, the perox-

ide Gullin can turn a match with an inspired pass. Adolfo (El Tren) Valencia, Ivan Valenciano and Freddy Rincon are all able to strike with the venom of And they are not the best of Colombia. That, in

stirring, loping athletic stride and eagle-eyed finishing, is Fanstino Hernan Asprilla, a player whose speed sometimes transcends even the Italian league, where-Yet the Colombians do not convince me that they will be the tournament's winners. On their day, they can beat anybody. But a World Cup requires delicate pacing, it needs team discipline and personal evenness

of purpose and temper. In that collective sense, I believe the Brazilians and Argentines know the game better. Brazil, if it can harness either Romario or Bebeto or both, is to my eye the likely winner. Argentina's chance will be better served if its manager, Allio Basile, swiftly decides to

cast aside the aging, ailing Maradona. The bookmakers have been picking Germany, but

Group F second Look for the Talented Latins to Conquer the North using Lothar Matthaus as a sweeper or libero is the growth, depress the naturalness of ball skills evidence enough that Germany cannot find youth to learned barefoot. Moreover, the rich European clubs,

> to-day effectiveness, but somehow retaining a power over decision makers that is not good for the game. The wheel aught to have turned on them by now, but it is the feebleness of others that sustains their

It is now 20 years since Havelange ousted Sir Stanley Rous, a former English schoolmaster, as overlord at FIFA House. The Brazilian wheeler-dealer knew more about generating financial power, about furthering the television-sport-advertizing triangle, and winning votes. He courted the African votes, promised and delivered their emergence as a world power in the game. It had, however, been Sir Stanley who predicted that an African team would win a World Cup by the end of the millenium.

If true, it is now or never. Cameroon, the most hypnotically appealing team of 1990, is past that peak (although, with my judgment on Havelange's staying power you might discard such judgment).

Nevertheless, Nigeria looks to be the present power from Africa, especially if the strikers Daniel Amoka-chi and Rashidi Yekini rise to the task.

ONTRARILY, one thing that has hindered the African breakthrough has been European respect for it European coaches on African soil tend to stunt

replace the proven winners of 1990. Matthäus is like Havelange, he is long in the tooth, divorced from daytalents in embryo and blend them into their teams, their methods, their television dominated schedules. So the freshness goes, the element of surprise is diminished. The African becomes like the European, beholden to tactics and preoccupied with club demands and constant, waring travel. Gone are the days when nations can prepare their players in long concen-

trations for World Cups. Almost gone, anyway.
Leo Beenhakker, the Netherland's "White Tulip," has just taken over the Saudi Arabian team and takes on his fellow Dutchmen in Round 1. His preparation is not restricted by finance or time. Discussing with his sheik the ideal way to build for this World Cup, he outlined a plan to train the squad over three months, first in the south of France, then in South America.

Agreed, said the sheik. But when Beenhakker suggested a "family week" for the players back in Sandi Arabia, the sheikh had a better idea. He will hire a jumbo jet and fly the families to the players whenever The Saudis struck oil in preparing for the peak of a

lifetime. It might take them some of the way, but not all the way, to the Rose Bowl on July 17. For that, surely, will still be determined by the skills born to players. A pity that this criterion can not be protected

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On the Oyster Beat

WASHINGTON — Whenever have been consulted about what I want to know what the kind of ads they run in the newspaeconomy is doing, I ask Joe Rees pers." who sells almost-real Rolexes. look-alike Chanel scarves and fake Louis Viriton handbags.

Joe's operation is on the Connecticut Avenue sidewalk just across from Bur-

How Christmas business?" I asked. "I'm up 17 percent over last year, he said bappily. The consumer

coming back and the counter-Buchwald feit stuff is moving faster than the real thing. I can't

keep my Rolex Oysters in stock." "That's a sign that times are good. People wouldn't be buying fake Oysters unless they thought that the recession was over. Are the real Oyster people mad at you for selling rip-oils of their product?"
"I trope not," Joe said. "They should be pleased that we chose

them over the fake Cartier watches. Actually I am peeved at the Rolex crowd. I don't like their advertising campaign. I believe that those of us who represent their product on the sidewalks should

Debris Found in Sea Linked to Saint-Exupéry

The Associated Press

PARIS - Researchers said Monday that traces of debris found in the Mediterranean may be from the World War II plane that crashed with French author Antoine de Saint-Exupery in the cock-

Saint-Exupery, who served in an Allied reconnaissance squadron. emharked from Corsica on a solo photographic mission over southern France on July 31, 1944, but never returned. Experts have assumed his plane crashed after being hit by German fire or suffering engine trouble

Last year, a team of experts launched a campaign to solve the mystery. Jean Roux, who coordinated the investigation, said legal papers have been filed to establish a claim over the site in order to conduct further investigations.

I agreed with Joe. "That's the trauble. You have no control when you buy imitation goods from a dealer. Outside of that do you have customer complaints about any of your merchandise?"

Why would anyone complain when everything I sell is made by slave labor in China?"

"Are those real imitation Yves Saint Laurent negligees?"
"You better believe it They're made of pure silk in my sister-inlaw's basement in the Bronx."

'Where do people try them on?"
"In the Victoria's Secret store down the street." "They let your customers use their dressing rooms?!"

"It's only professional courtesy. We merchants have to stick together if we're ever going to make it in

Several people were examining the watches. A young man was holding one to

"It isn't ticking," he said. Rees explained, "Quartz watches don't tick. That's wby they are so mucb in demand." "Is there a guarantee with this

watch? "You better believe it, It's guaranteed by the same people who make fake Parker pens. Yesterday I sold two to an astronaut on the

"How much is this watch?" "In the store it sells for \$1,800.
I'll let you have it for \$600."

"I'll offer you \$25," the young "Sold, but for that price I don't gift-wrap.

The most interesting part of merchandising from a cart is that if you can gather a crowd you can sell an awful lot of items. The man wbo was huying the watch attracted two other people, who attracted four. They were all doing the same thing holding an Oyster watch up to

their ears trying to hear it tick.
This inspired Joe to start shouting. "Only one to a customer. Please show your driver's license when purchasing a Rolex - you may be on their blacklist." I thought to myself, "Only in

America - with a brief stop in Hong Kong.

A Dubliner Gets His Encores

By John Rockwell New York Times Service

UBLIN - For a man on the verge of DUBLIN — For a man on the being about as famous as serious contemporary authors can be, Roddy Doyle, 35, is acting pretty gun-shy. He grants interviews guardedly (although baving committed to one, he responds forthrightly to questions). He implores journalists not to describe his home ("It's not just mine: it's ours," he explained, the "ours" include his wife and two young children). He resents what he regards as personal attacks in reviews long (or not so

long) past.
This does not make him standoffish, just reserved with strangers. With a two-week publishing tour coming up in the United States next month, however, he had better get used to interviews, since he will be doing a lot of them. They will probably be very friendly.

The reason is that people like his novels, like his plays and like his screenplays. In October, Doyle's latest novel, "Paddy Clarke Ha Ha Ha," written entirely in the voice of a 10-year-old Dublin boy as he observes the growing strains in his parents' marriage, won this year's Booker Prize, the prime British award for fiction. His novel "The Van" was on the Booker short list in 1991. Also this fall, Stepben Frears' film version

of Doyle's previous novel, "The Snapper." about the mostly salutary effects of the preg-nancy of a family's daughter, who is 20, appeared to rapturous reviews and has been delighting audiences ever since. Doyle wrote the screenplay for that film and also wrote most of the screenplay for Alan Parker's film The Commitments," which was hased on Doyle's first novel, about a Dublin soul band.

Dovle said he loved both films, but nonetheless be has moved steadily to increase his control over future film projects. "I went into "The Commitments" quite naively." he said. 'It was to be a small film and it got bigger and bigger. Two other writers were brough in and I wasn't told about it for a year. I think I was lucky it ended up on Alan Parker's desk. It could very well have starred Michael

J. Fox and been set in New York."
For the film of "The Snapper," Dovle retained control of the project and eventually gave the rights to the BBC. With his next novel, "The Van," for which he has just completed the screenplay, he bas formed a company with the producer Linda Myles, a veteran of the "Commitments" and "Snapper" projects, and will produce the film ver-

He has also written a four-part original screenplay for the BBC. "Family," now filming and scheduled for broadcast in Britain in late spring. "I wrote it at the same time as Paidy Clarke." he said. "It takes the same theme, marital breakdown, but from a different point of view."

After the lonely rigors of writing, Doyle enjoys the social aspects of filmmaking. He



Author Roddy Doyle: "Tm more concerned whether it's a good read."

regards it as a substitute for his 14 years of teaching grade-school English and geography in a Dublin public school, a job he finally gave up earlier this year. (Serious and earnest, he still acts rather like a teacher, although the stud in his left ear hints at a friskier side.) But

"I'd have loved Fellini to dn 'The Van,' but he went and died on us," he said. "I have thought of directing, but I abandoned it. I don't bave the visual sense. And working with actors is a mystery to me."

All his involvement with film hardly means he conceives his novels as latent screenplays; that is a sore point with bostile Irish critics, who have accused him, in his words, of being a "machine, writing screenplays with an eye to the American market.

"I never did that," be insisted, "I write them purely as novels. Now I've adapted three of them, and I can see why people say there's a film in them. But with Paddy Clarke, I never thought it could be made into a film. It would have to be changed drastically. It is only with practice that I've come to realize just bow different the two media are."

The vividness of the young Paddy's observations has prompted readers to wonder just how autobiographical the novel is. Paddy Clarke is 10, the book takes place in 1968 and Doyle was born in 1958. But the author, who grew up in a north Dublin suburb not unlike his fictional Barrytown but who has long since led a more middle-class existence, said his latest book recalls his own life only in details, not in its plot.

The place is mine; the time is mine," he said. "There are memories of my own, running through a field and seeing pheasants fly up, balls of dust under the kitchen table. But the story isn't mine. I'm glad to say. My parents are still happily married, and have been for 44 years. My own kids are lar too young to have been any help at all, and the kids I used to teach were 12 and 13, and that's a significantly different age than 10."

Nonetheless, one wonders how antobio-graphical one passage in "Paddy Clarke" is, when Doyle has his young protagonist recall:
"I loved making up stuff, I loved the way the next bit came into my head, it made sense and expanded and I could keep going till I came to the end; it was like being in a race. I always

After laboring through the early 1980s on a gigantic, never published political satire called "Your Granny's a Hunger Striker" ("It was the weight of a house brick," he said once). Doyle turned to a shorter, quicker subject and published "The Commitments" privately in 1986. It sold only 1,000 copies. but Heinemann in London picked it up and Doyle was on his way.

Since then, he has always been popular with the Irish reading public, and "Paddy Clarke" was mostly admired by Irish critics, a turnaround Doyle attributes to steadily friendly British reviews and, now, the Booker

Still. whether he is "making up stuff," whether he is writing proper literature or just setting down real life like some docu-journalist, has been a constant source of debate, and one that still rankles. Irish critics, accustomed to the higher-flown raptures of so many great Irish writers, had their doubts.

"My writing has been labeled photography with a word processor," Doyle said with evident bitterness. "It's not literature; anybody can do it.' The other complaint, which think was fairer, was that it was insulting to the working class. Because my background is not working class, I was exploiting people."

His determined effort to expand his craft

to take on intimate details of family life and even the perspective of a 10-year-old, belies the accusation of journalism. Certainly no tape recorder could capture real life as pointedly as Doyle's creations.

"It's fiction," he said of "Paddy Clarke." "It's pure spoof. I'm not too concerned. really, if it's actually accurate. I'm more concerned whether it's a good read; that people are convinced by it. Whether they're convinced because it's true or because they're convinced it's true, that's somebody else's

Not, Says Prince Edward

planning to marry early next year picture. In a statement by associaappear to be premainre. Brian tion President Heavy Sheehan, the Maclanian, the young woman's employer, said Monday, "I have spo-ken to Sophie and Prince Edward

For that special Republican who

has everything: the Richard Nixon Presidential Library and Birthplace in Yorba Linda, California has issned a catalogue of gifts ("Phone Now! Orders Shipped Within 24 Hours") unlikely to be available in many other stores. Among the items are an \$18.50 T-shirt announcing that he is "Tan, Rested and Ready" to run again in 1996. There are also golf balls and base-balls autographed by him, as well as note cards (\$15), posters (\$18), watches (\$45) and coffee mugs (\$9.95) all featuring Elvis Presiey shaking hands with Nixon. No tape recordings or microphones are listed in the catalogue.

Mickey Rooney, -73, will make his debut as a novelist next spring in a unusual venture with the publisher Carol Books in which he will receive no advances against myal-ties but will receive half the profits from the book. Rooney, whose 1965 autobiography was a best-seller, said his debut novel would be loosely based on the child stars he knew in Hollywood.

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Judy Garland's half-sized Oscar won for "The Wizard of Oz" of 1939 was withdrawn from auction, four days after Vivien Leigh's Best Actress award was sold for \$563,000. Christie's auction house said Garland's family withdrew the stamette from sale after deciding to donate it to a private institution.

Steven Spielberg's three-hour-plus drama about the Holocaust, "Schindler's List," failed to make the Top 10 list on its first weekend; but grossed an estimated \$860,000. A Universal Pictures spokesman said it considered the reception "extraordinary" since the film had opened in only 18 cities. . . . The Los Angeles Film Critics Association has defended its choice of Jane. Campion as best director for "The

British press reports that Prince Piano" over Spielberg, whose Edward and Sophie Rhys-Jones are "Schindler's List" was rated best ken to Sophic and Prince Edward the spin up into some kind of this morning and the key message from them is, "Give us a break." servers who "have tried to pump chael Medved, whose column in the New York Post ascribed the association's choice of Campion to "this feverish hunger to honor a woman -at all costs."

> A 22-year-old design student from Tokyo bested 80 rivals from around the world to win the 11th annual International Contest for Young Fashion Creators. Hiroyaki Sakaid, a graduate of Tokyo's Bunka Fashion School won a scholarship stipend worth 20,000 francs (\$3,400), a one-year stim at the Paris Chambre Syndicale fashion school

The novelist College McCallough and her husband were ordered to pay \$164,000 to a gardener who hurt his back while mowing. Norman Lindsay Trickey joited his back four years ago while driving a tractor mower on their proper and the mover unexpectedly fell into a hole. The accident, said the judge, "has, and will, interfere sig-nificantly with his lifestyle and with his matrimonial relationship."

The mosic won't stop for John Williams, even after he waves his baton for the last time as director of the Boston Pops. In the works for 1994 is Williams's score for Steven Spielberg's adaptation of the Robert J. Waller's best-selling book "The Bridges Of Madison

Singer Bill Anderson picked one line to sum up his 30 years in the country music business: "I Hope You're Living as High on the Hog as the Pig You Turned Out to Be. That is the name of Anderson's new book of anecdotes about the country music world.

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